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Valley Weekend
Area residents took advantage of good weather over the Labor Day weekend. **8A**

Fire strikes Mon City

Explosions awakened tenants living in the buildings damaged in the blaze.

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MONONGAHELA – Sarah Lucy was awoken early Sunday to the sound of a loud explosion.

"I looked out the window," Lucy said. "I thought it was a car accident."

Janet Geary heard the same thunderous sound and, also thinking a terrible accident had occurred in the 200 block of West Main Street, ran down the stairs from her downtown apartment to see if she could help.

Firefighters pour water onto a fire that heavily damaged the Vocelli Pizza building and two other structures in Monongahela.
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Instead, Lucy and Geary discovered the explosion and fire that gutted Vocelli Pizza, 222 W. Main St. and damaged roofs on two other buildings – The Bee's Nest Cafe, 226 W. Main St. and Hufnagel Software and Computers, 218 W. Main St.

The first explosion occurred around 5:10 a.m., creating a scene like something out of the movie "Backdraft," Lucy said.

"There was glass everywhere," Lucy said. "The windows from the Vocelli Pizza building were blown out and there was glass everywhere. I ran back up the stairs, grabbed my son, a purse and diaper bag and ran up the halls yelling, 'fire.'"

Lucy said that as she ran down the stairs, smoke was already billowing from the Vocelli building next door and up her hallway.

Most of the people living in apartments above the three storefronts exited back doors onto

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We published early today

The Valley Independent is publishing a morning edition today so our family of employees can enjoy the Labor Day holiday with relatives and friends.

Because of an early press start, today's edition does not include Sunday evening Pennsylvania Lottery results or late Sunday sports scores.

Our business office will be closed today, but circulation department representatives will accept service calls from 7 to 10 this morning at (724) 684-2600.

We will resume our normal schedule Tuesday.

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Holiday no picnic for jobless Americans

The lagging economic recession has led to frustration for many

By JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Every day it's a battle.

The nearly 15 million unemployed Americans won't enjoy Labor Day as a relaxing respite from work. Instead, they'll once again need to prepare to get up, hit the pavement and keep hunting for jobs.

As the jobless rate nears 10 percent, even those fortunate enough to be employed fret about keeping their jobs. But for those without them, it's a daily struggle with emotional and economic distress.

"It's hard to maintain your focus that you're a valuable member of society when you go three months and nobody really wants to employ you," says David O'Bryan, 59, of Barre, Vt.

To cope with the stress, O'Bryan jots down his thoughts in a journal he carries around. He's seeking a new career in the education field. In one recent entry, he wrote:

"I'm finding the process of trying to get into schools both tedious and frustrating. I wish I could have some concrete feedback on why I'm not being hired. Overweight? No para-educator certificate in effect? No confidence in my ability to perform the job?"

The economy is showing signs of being on the mend. Yet that's hardly reassuring to the unemployed this Labor Day weekend. The job market is in lousy shape and will stay that way for a while.

The nation's jobless rate jumped to a 26-year high of 9.7 percent in August from 9.4 percent in July. It's expected to top 10 percent this year and keep climbing into part of next year before falling back. The post-World War II high was 10.8 percent at the end of 1982.

And it could take four years or more for the unemployment rate to fall back down to a normal level of about 5 percent.

Gregory Przybylski, 46, of suburban Milwaukee, has grown increasingly anxious since losing his job as a machine operator in March 2008.

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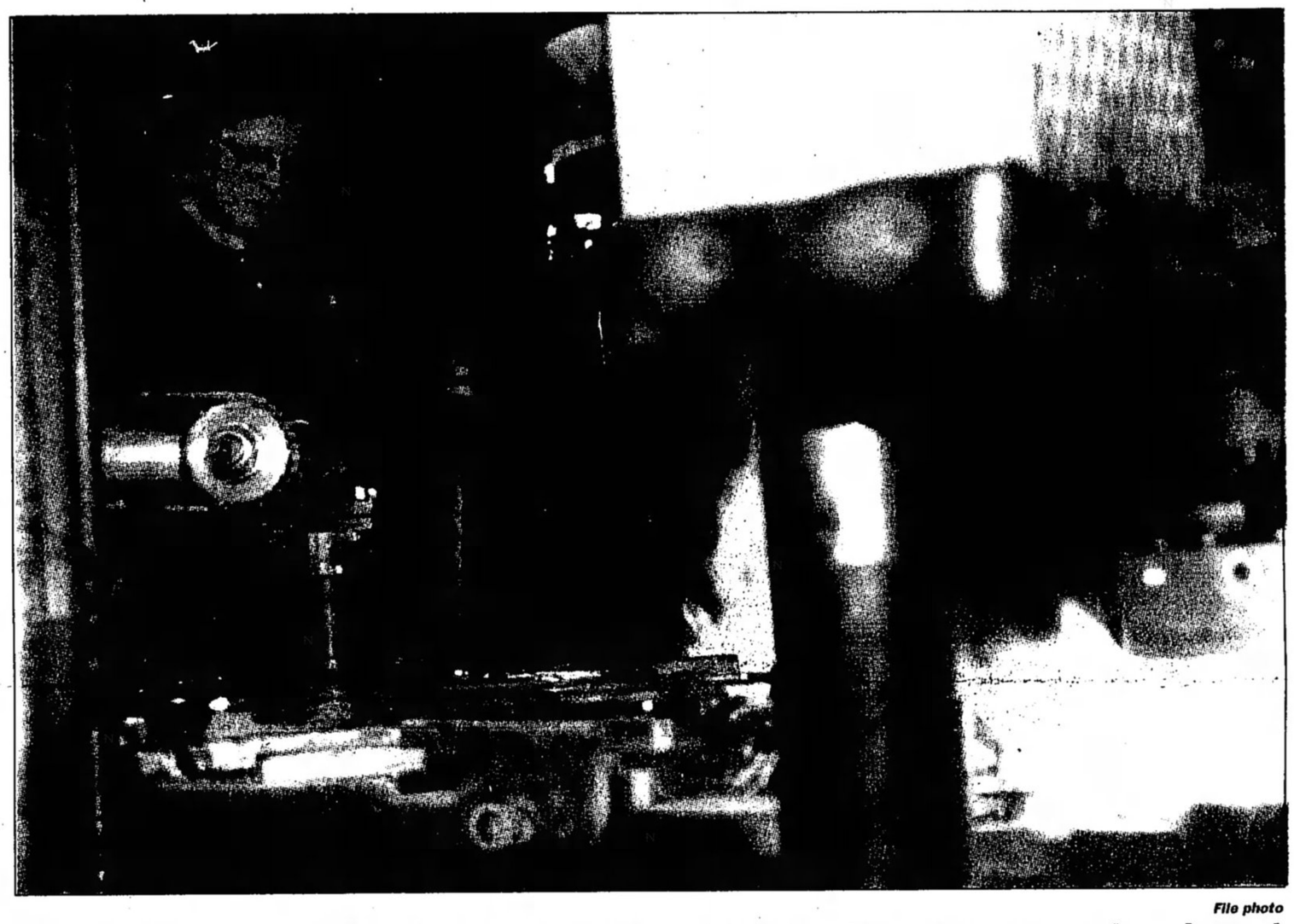

File photo
In a changing environment for unions, the United Steelworkers now represent workers at World Kitchen in Charleroi.

Unions evolve to survive, best serve rank and file

The United Steelworkers have sought mergers to maintain strength.

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When Dr. John Michaels was growing up, his father, John, was helping to organize the United Mine Workers nationally.

The professor of management in business and economics at California University of Pennsylvania wonders if his father would even recognize labor unions today.

"He wouldn't recognize unions because of their purposes," Michaels said. "If they are trying to force owners of companies to pay them more than they should be paid, they are forcing themselves out of business. We're seeing more of that, especially with the autoworkers who say, 'That's not my job.'"

But Tony Montana, spokesman for the United Steelworkers in Pittsburgh, said unions have learned to work with companies to help them survive. They have diversified in a changing economy.

The Steelworkers full name – the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy and Service Workers International Union – speaks volumes about the evolving nature of unions.

"Starting with our name, our union reflects a diverse membership as far as the different types of workplaces where we're active," said Montana, spokesman for the USW in Pittsburgh.

"Some of that is because of mergers."

The most recent merger was with PACE – the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical, and Energy Workers International Union – in 2005.

Montana said automation in manufacturing, along with cutbacks in the steel industry, means hundreds work in steel plants that used to employ thousands.

But even before cutbacks, the USW was looking to diversify its membership.

The USW has organized among public workers, and has a huge contingency of healthcare workers, including nurses. The union recently merged with the California Nurses' Association.

It represents workers of Canonsburg-based Milan Pharmaceutical's Morgantown, W.Va., plant.

Locally, the USW represents workers at World Kitchen in Charleroi, the Rostraver Sewage Authority and the Monongahela Street Department as well as the Authority of the Borough of Charleroi, for example. It also represents housekeeping, maintenance, dietary and some technical staff workers at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

"The majority of our workers are in manufacturing, but as times have changed, so has our union," Montana said.

> "Starting with our name, our union reflects a diverse membership as far as the different types of workplaces where we're active."
> **TONY MONTANA, UNION SPOKESMAN**

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More will grill, chill at home over weekend

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Longtime travel agent Sandy Davis said most Mid-Mon Valley residents prefer backyard barbecues to Labor Day weekend getaways.

She said that will especially hold true this Labor Day, as the holiday is a week later than usual.

Labor Day fell on Sept. 1 last year, allowing for a long weekend trip before a new school year started for many families.

"Labor Day traditionally is not a very busy travel time for us, mostly because kids are back in school and they have already gotten used to their new routines," said Davis, owner of Davis Travel Agency in Monongahela.

AAA predicts the late arrival of Labor Day also affected travel plans for people around the nation.

AAA projected about 39.1 million travelers are expected to take trips of 50 miles or more away from home, a decrease of 13.3 percent from 2008.

"On a positive note, AAA's forecast shows Labor Day travel will be up over this summer's 4th of July holiday," said Jim Lehman, AAA East Central vice president.

Gasoline prices, an economy in

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recession and high unemployment rates all factor into travel plans.

Last Labor Day weekend, the nationwide average price of self-serve, regular gasoline dropped to $3.68 per gallon after peaking at an all-time U.S. record of $4.11 per gallon on July 17, 2008, AAA said.

This year, AAA expects the nationwide average price of self-serve, regular gasoline to be approximately one dollar per gallon less than it was one year ago; about $2.60 per gallon.

While gasoline prices make a difference for many travel plans, Davis said prices at the fuel pump rarely matter to those who come to her for vacations.

She said the economy had little effect on travelers in the Valley this summer, which has kept her busy all season.

"I tell everybody that the people in the Mon Valley know how to budget their money. In this area, we've always been affected by the economy with the mills closing and job layoffs," she said. "We've learned to adjust over the years, because we've always had to watch every dollar."

She said this summer's deep discounts, especially at family favorite Walt Disney World in Orlando, have enabled many to afford vacations.

Davis said Mexico trips also picked up once the swine flu outbreak was controlled, and the price drop made it attractive for visitors.

Veteran travel agent Joan Rakosky, owner of All Seasons Travel in Charleroi, said she has seen the ups and downs in the travel industry during her 32 years in the field.

"When there is a recession or a change in the economy, the travel industry is always hit first," Rakosky said.

Rakosky said she has seen a drop in the number of companies planning out-of-town conferences.

While this is the worst travel season she has seen in many years, Rakosky said all-inclusive packages and last-minute deals always lure folks eager for vacations.

"I had a lot of people taking advantage of last-minute deals after realizing they could afford a vacation with the discounts," she said.

This will be the lowest number of trips by air this decade for the Labor Day holiday weekend, AAA stated.

In Pennsylvania, approximately 1.6 million residents will travel this holiday.

Of those traveling, almost 1.4 million will be traveling by automobile, 48,000 will be flying and 180,000 will be traveling by other forms of transportation.

Yesteryear

Strolling along Donner Avenue in Monessen in 1939 are Albert and Kathryn Snyder with their daughter Glenda. The photo was submitted by Allen Snyder, of Rostraver.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Unions (FROM PAGE ONE)

As an example of how the union changed to reflect diversity, the USW publication, which was for many decades titled "Steel Labor" is now "USW At Work."

But the goal of the union has remained unchanged, Montana said.

"In a broader sense, I believe our union and other unions exist for the same reasons they were created in the early part of 20th century," Montana said. "We exist to negotiate contracts to increase the standard of living for our workers and their families."

Montana said unions' focus has changed with the times.

"We spend a lot more time trying to work with our employers as a cooperative partner rather than an adversary," Montana said.

"There are still plenty of places management resents the workers' wish to be represented by a union. That said, we've gotten more flexible in a literal sense. Our workers have learned to do more with less."

Michaels said that when his father helped to organize the UMWA prior to 1940, unions had more clout because the government supported their efforts to improve safety.

"Once established, union's follow Maslow's hierarchy of needs: food clothing, safety and health. In other words, the standard of living should be acceptable for that industry," Michaels said.

The theory in psychology was proposed by Abraham Maslow in his 1943 paper "A Theory of Human Motivation."

Unions first were established for safety and standard of living.

They then evolved to meet the need for improved wages and benefits for their rank and file members. Now, their priority is for survival of their industries.

The future of unions depends upon their leaders' ability to recognize what economist John Kenneth Galbraith noted is the concept of "Countervailing Power." That theory notes that three parties – the government, company and union – must each recognize the interests of each other and work to balance those needs.

"Unions must have a balance of power with company," Michaels said. "If there is a small union and company is powerful, they should merge with other unions. They have to think in broader terms."

Weather

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 78 Low 58	High 82 Low 61	High 75 Low 57	High 76 Low 59	High 80 Low 59

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Chess Street.

"I saw flames going all the way up the building," resident Mel Anthony said. "After the explosions, there was debris all over the street."

A series of explosions sent glass and debris across West Main street. Smoke from the blaze could be smelled across, and several miles up, the river from the city.

At least two New Eagle firefighters were injured.

Les Pemberton was atop a 100-foot aerial truck fighting the blaze when the ladder bent about 30 feet from the top. He fell onto a roof next to Vocelli's. He was treated at Monongahela Valley Hospital in Carroll Township and later released.

Chaz Fine, who was operating the aerial truck, was shaken but not hospitalized.

Firefighter Steve Anders was overcome by smoke when glass and smoke blew out from the building during one explosion. He was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation.

This is not the only time Pemberton has acted heroically. A city street department employee, city council commended him for helping to apprehend a bank robbery suspect in downtown Monongahela several years ago.

On Sunday, firefighters from Monongahela, New Eagle, Gallatin-Sunnyside, Valley Inn, Donora, Elizabeth Township and Monessen No. 1 were on the scene.

The following were on standby: Finleyville at the New Eagle station, Blaine Hill and Webster at Gallatin-Sunnyside and Lock Four at Carroll Township.

Monongahela fire Chief Frank Hnatik said a state police fire marshal was asked to investigate the blaze.

Although natural gas is supplied to the building, Hnatik said it is unclear if it caused the fire and explosions. He said the heat was extensive when he arrived among the first firefighters on the scene.

The cause of the ladder collapse also will be investigated, Hnatik said.

The 200 block of West Main Street will be closed until authorities can determine what needs to be done to raze the Vocelli Pizza building. Hnatik and Monongahela Mayor Bob Kepics checked the structure and determined it was unsafe. Because of its height, if that building came down on its own, it would cover West Main Street, Monongahela police Chief Brian Tempest said.

Barbara Mayfield, owner of The Bee's Nest Cafe, said she did not learn of the fire until she came to open her restaurant Sunday morning.

"I ran up the street to see what happened," Mayfield said. "Thank God nobody got hurt. With material things, we can pick up and begin anew."

Mayfield commended the firefighters for doing "a fantastic job."

Phillip Dallas, a partner in the local Vocelli franchise, said he went to the scene to make sure authorities knew people were living in the upstairs apartments.

His daughter, Ashley Eck, was the manager who closed the business Saturday night.

"I'm thankful the explosion did not happen during business hours," Dallas said. "All of that stuff can be replaced."

Dallas said the explosion likely was a lifesaver.

He said the apartment tenants heard it and were able to escape. The tenants told Dallas they might not have woken in time to get out before being overcome by the smoke and fire if it weren't for the sound of the explosion that rocked downtown Monongahela.

Holiday (FROM PAGE ONE)

"It's getting scary," said Przybylski, a bachelor who has spent the past several months studying for a high school equivalency degree. "I'm just hoping to be working by Christmas."

Przybylski said he's using his time to study and improve himself so he'll be ready once the economy turns around. But he fears being thrust into a new career after spending so many years as a machinist.

"I've been doing this since 1980 – that's what I know," he said, slowly shaking his head.

"It's stressful whether you have a job or not," says Patricia Drentea, associate professor of sociology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "If you are out of a job, it can be demoralizing to know that the tide has not yet turned. For those still in jobs, there is the constant worry that there is going to be more layoffs."

The worst recession since World War II has claimed a net total of 6.9 million jobs – and more losses are expected, casting a pall over this year's Labor Day.

The strains of rising unemployment are making people – those with jobs and those without – more frugal. And they're likely to remain cautious spenders in coming months, crimping the budding economic recovery.

Ethan Fierro, of Chicago, has managed to survive a round of layoffs at his accounting firm. But he's not taking his job for granted and is clamping down on the household budget, and cutting out the little extras.

"Now, movie nights have to be Netflix nights," says Fierro, 33, who has a wife and a 1-year-old son.

Chrysantheum Dickens, 43, of Tampa, a church pastor who also works in sales at an information technology company, shops at a Salvation Army store for school clothes for her sons.

"It's a different age now, and you never know what's going to happen," she says.

Jobseeker Ileen Goldberg, of Tampa, stopped scheduling doctor's appointments and sold her car to save money and help make ends meet.

"It's horrible out there," said Goldberg, 48, who lost her job as an administrative assistant in June. "I have no prospects, so every day it's a mental battle when you get up."

Laid off eight months ago from her secretarial job at a health clinic, Mary Pat Didier, 60, is preparing her five grandchildren for the possibility she might have to move away from her home in Rockford, Ill., in hopes of finding employment.

Didier has begun applying for jobs in Chicago and in Milwaukee. So far, no luck. Her unemployment benefits are set to expire in January, but she hopes to qualify for extended aid. She's burned through her retirement savings.

"There's no place to go from here," Didier said. "I'm too young for Medicare, but I ended up with no health (insurance). I get frustrated, but I can't give up, so I try to not to dwell in it," she adds. "I finally know what it's like to live in the moment."

An Associated Press-GfK poll last month found that 43 percent of Americans were worried "some" or "a lot" about losing their jobs, even though the pace of layoffs has slowed. And statistically, that wasn't much changed from the results in February, when job losses were much heavier.

A growing number of people have grown so frustrated that they've stopped looking for work. The number of such "discouraged workers" totaled 758,000 in August – nearly twice as many as a year ago.

Because they've abandoned their job searches, they aren't included in the government's count of the 14.9 million people who are unemployed.

If discouraged workers and people who have settled for part-time work are included, the unemployment rate would have been 16.8 percent in August, the highest on records dating to 1994.

"Right now, there are six people unemployed for each job opening," says economist Lawrence Mishel of the Economic Policy Institute. "If you are not successful in finding work, you are in a cruel game of musical chairs with six people circling around one chair."

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Valley briefs

CDC boss: My kids will get flu vaccine

The director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says his kids are going to get the swine flu vaccine when it's available.

Dr. Thomas Frieden says health officials have "very high confidence" in the safety of the vaccine. He says it's a vaccine that's being made in the same way that the flu vaccine is made each year — except that it's a new strain.

Vaccine development is continuing and the vaccine is likely to be available by October.

Frieden also says that with schools and colleges back in session, officials are seeing a fair amount of the flu already — and he says it's unusual that it has continued to occur over the summer.

The CDC chief spoke in an interview broadcast Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

Pair to stand trial in woman's murder

A judge has ordered two western Pennsylvania men to stand trial on homicide and kidnapping charges in the death of a woman whose nude body was found wrapped in a carpet in a park near Pittsburgh.

Timothy Brunner, 27, and Kristopher Benjamin, 30, both of Mount Oliver, are accused of beating and killing 36-year-old Amy Lynn Kucsmas at Brunner's apartment.

Maintenance workers found her body in a Wilkinsburg park on July 24, about six weeks after her death.

Witnesses said the two spotted the victim on the street and confronted her, accusing her of having stolen $200 from Brunner the previous month. Authorities say before she was killed, Kucsmas called her daughter to say she wouldn't see her again.

Prosecutors amended the charges against the two to include robbery and conspiracy.

District Judge Oscar Petite dismissed the robbery count Friday but ordered the men to be tried on the conspiracy charge in connection with the homicide and kidnapping.

3 football fans hurt when railing fails

Three people were hurt when a railing gave way Friday night before the opening kickoff at a high school football game in Pittsburgh.

The injuries are not believed to be serious.

It happened shortly before the start of a game between North Hills and Mount Lebanon.

Police say crowds were pushing up against a fence in the student section at Martorelli Stadium when it broke.

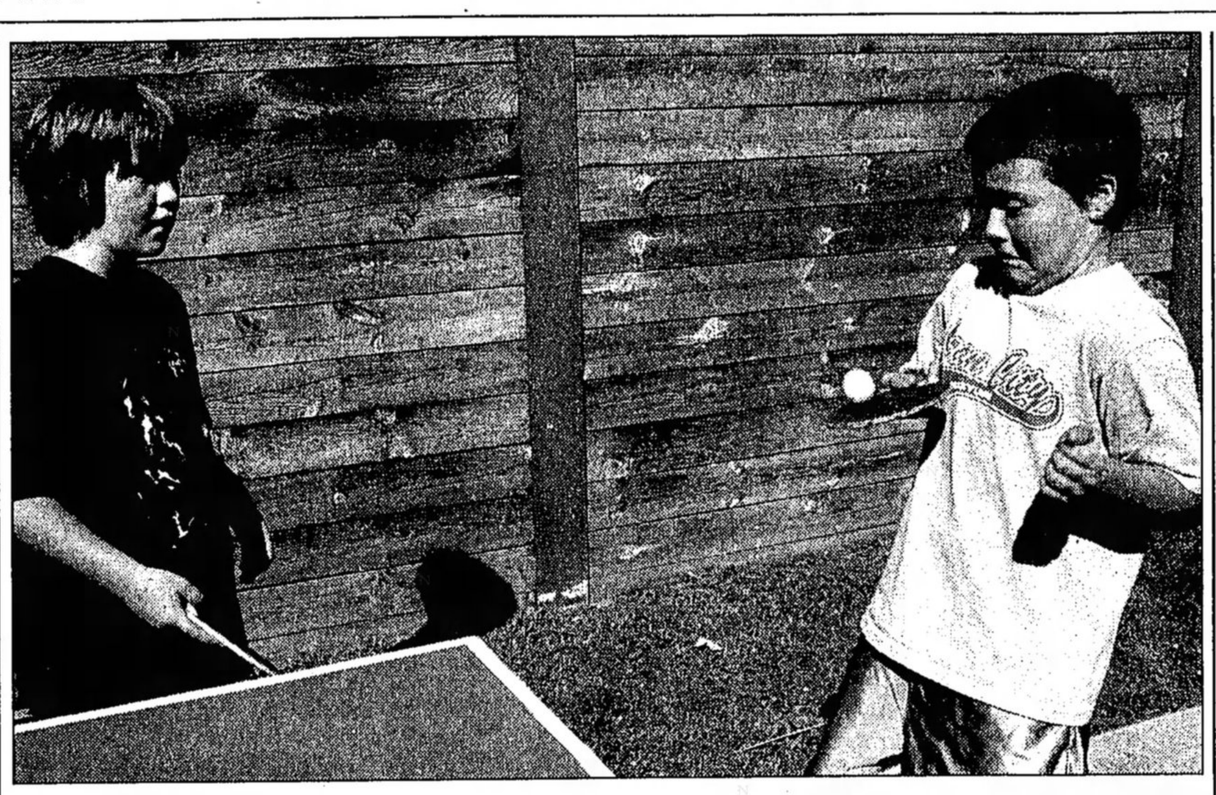
Medics treated the injured for abrasions and cuts. One female was taken to the hospital.

2 deaths ruled murder-suicide

The shooting deaths of a western Pennsylvania couple have been ruled a murder-suicide.

Beaver County Coroner Teri Tatalovich-Rossi says authorities were called to the Valley Terrace Apartment housing development in Aliquippa at 3:30 a.m. Saturday.

She says 24-year-old James Moon shot and killed 33-year-old Diedre Walker in her apartment and then killed himself.



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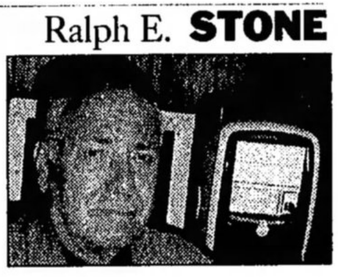
Jack Jones, 10, of Charleroi, left, and his brother, Jeremy, 13, play ping pong at Bill's Golfland in Rostraver Township while their dad, Dave Jones, polished his golf skills at the nearby driving range. Images of other area residents enjoying the long Labor Day holiday weekend appear on Page 8A.

Columnist sees reunions as another gem of Valley

Ralph E. **STONE**



I attended the recent 75th birthday party for the Monessen graduating class of 1952 at Mon Valley Country Club.

Even though I was not a classmate, since I had graduated the preceding year, I had a wonderful time exchanging stories with many old and dear friends at the Aug. 22 event.

Why, you may be inclined to ask, since I'm not a member of the Class of '52, what was I doing there?

I was invited as a guest speaker and relayed a few of the "Rambler Diary" episodes to a group of "very young" 75-year-olds who could easily relate to those "wonder years" of the 1940s.

In fact, several members of that graduating class were featured in many of those stories.

Those of you who faithfully read those adventures may recall that a "star" character throughout the two and a half year run of the column was Donald "Half Pint" Hayes.

Don was instrumental in arranging my invitation to the festivities and he also, very capably, acted as the evening's M.C.

As the evening progressed it almost felt as though I was a member of that class.

In fact, had my parents started my schooling as a 6-year-old rather than a 5-year-old, I would not have been a guest but would have instead, been a class member.

Nevertheless, it was a joy to renew friendships with so many, including Ron "Bones" Campana, Jerry Smith, John Cupper (another Rambler), Emery Anden, Harry Crawley, Dan Popovich, Bert Hanson, Eddie Burdock and Mike Kuvinka, just to name a few.

The class was also loaded with a bevy of beautiful girls and several were in attendance. I even received a long-awaited kiss from Marlene Falbo Oliver, the class' May Queen and portrayer of Snow White in a play at St. Leonard Elementary School in which "Half Pint" Hayes also starred.

Another class beauty was Mary Parkinson Gilman, who I remember as a peppy, blonde cheerleader who often cheered on her future husband and hoops star, Billy Gilman.

Still another beauty of '52 was Joy Jones Groat, who was on hand with her charming husband, the Rev. Jack Groat, who delivered the invocation.

Sitting at the same table I was at was Frances Remaley Smith. I reminded Frances of the hot, muggy July afternoon when she and her brothers invited me to share a dip in there "home made" backyard pool.

I even received another invitation from Helen Yonko Manning to attend a library appreciation luncheon meeting in October.

There were so many happenings - both exciting and nostalgic - that evening that I could go on and on.

However, the purpose of this particular column is not designed to just throw praises upon the MHS Class of '52.

Instead, it is to show that reunions in general are cherished gems that flow abundantly in this magnificent Mid-Mon Valley.

In 2007, for instance, I also attended, as a guest, the MHS class of '47's 60th year reunion.

It too was a blast.

At that time, I was hosted by Mary Parkinson Gilman's older sister, Lois, and her husband, Lee Jones who MC'd that affair.

I was in awe of being surrounded by so many of the personal heroes I looked up to as a wide-eyed eighth grader, including Joe Gladys, the captain and quarterback of the football team.

Joe, of course, went on to become the most successful coach our Greyhounds have ever known.

In addition to Joe, there were also my idols of the hardwood courts, Georgie Yartin and Len Bianchi.

My long time friend and sometimes partner in crime, Ron "Cip" Cipriani and his adorable wife, Rogene (a Mon City import) also were there.

I enjoyed the Class of '47 and the Class of '52 gatherings nearly as much as my own.

The fact is that I love reunions so much that my wife, Marilynne, sometimes refers to me as Mr. Reunion!

It doesn't matter if it's my own class, someone else's, a family affair, a Rambler get-together or whatever, I love reunions.

Some people frown and say, "That's living in the past."

No, it isn't.

It's living in the present with great hopes for the future because of the solid roots you knew as a child.

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Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a llook at the top news happenings of the past wdeek in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Finley Road project nears completion - The Finley Road widening project is expected to be complete by month's end.

Late last year, the Rostraver Township commissioners said the $6.4 million project completion date had been pushed back from April to late October.

The need to relocate utility lines was a major reason for the setback, Commissioner Nick Lorenzo said at that time.

At a meeting Wednesday, Lorenzo said the commissioners and project officials will have a final walk through in about two weeks.

Lorenzo is chairman of the board of commissioners.

The commissioners had been working since 1995 to improve traffic flow by widening about 1 1/2 miles of Finley Road from its intersection with Route 201 to Rehoboth Church Road.

The work began late in 2007.

Swine flu hits Ringgold School District - There are confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus (swine flu) in the Ringgold School District.

Sschool Superintendent Gary Hamilton confirmed Thursday afternoon that tested cultures from sixth grade students at Ringgold Middle School did, indeed, come up positive for H1N1.

Hamilton did not say how many of the cultures came back positive for the virus.

Hamilton added that the district is continuing to take all precautions as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

Students in primarily the sixth grade at the Finleyville school first began getting sick on Aug. 28, when 20 of the 262 students in the class were absent.

The number ballooned to 84 by last Monday and reached a high of 114 on Tuesday before dropping down to 72 on Thursday.

Monongahela cop arrested for drugs - A Monongahela police officer was arrested Friday morning on drug trafficking charges - the first person charged as a result of an ongoing Washington County grand jury investigation.

George Langan, 45, of Union Street, Monongahela, was arrested while on duty by county detectives, municipal police and the county sheriff.

Langan, whose street name is "G Money," is accused of tipping off at least three suspected drug dealers who were under surveillance by investigators.

Washington County District Attorney Steven M. Toprani told a Friday afternoon news conference that drug and public corruption charges had been filed against Langan.

The grand jury one day earlier returned a presentment requesting the district attorney to initiate criminal proceedings against Langan.

The grand jury implicates Langan as an important figure in Monongahela's cocaine trade, asserts that Langan protected drug dealers by alerting them about pending searches and arrests and by revealing police information to counter drug enforcement efforts.

The jury believes Langan distributed cocaine as a partner in a drug dealing organization.

Langan was targeted by the grand jury in June, after Drug Task Force detectives suspected that several narcotics investigations were compromised by "tip offs" Langan made to suspects.

Langan is facing 10 counts: obstruction of justice, hindering apprehension, official oppression, possession of a controlled substance (suspected cocaine), delivery of a controlled substance (suspected cocaine), criminal conspiracy, corrupt organization, witness intimidation, criminal use of a communication facility, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The grand jury, the first in the county in three decades, meets for 18 months to investigate allegations of criminal activity.

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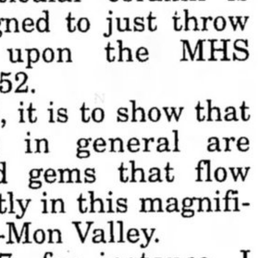

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RECORDS

Time to pull plug on health care reform?

An Associated Press Analysis

By RICARDO ZALDIVAR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The patient isn't dead yet.

A few more months of wrangling and indecision, and health care legislation to remedy America's coverage and costs problem could be drawing its last gasps.

As Congress returns to work this week, President Barack Obama and lawmakers have three broad options — competing treatment plans for a patient whose vital signs are growing weak. It's not clear which one, if any, will work.

Democrats — and liberals in particular — want heroic measures and large scale intervention. They think the legislation needs big new ideas such as a public insurance plan that would have government offering coverage to middle-class workers and their families.

Republicans want a conservative treatment to relieve the worst symptoms of America's health care malaise. They're proposing help for small business owners and the self-employed, and some GOP lawmakers probably could go along with expanding current programs that cover the poorest of the poor. But no new government plan and no guarantees that everyone would be covered.

A third group, including moderates from both parties, supports a holistic approach that would put the country firmly on track to coverage for all. They believe government should help some middle-class people through subsidies for private coverage, but that a federal insurance plan isn't needed. Some are willing to include malpractice changes that appeal to conservatives.

Obama will say which way he wants to go when he addresses a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night.

Above all, the president wants to avoid failure. But an argument on the merits may fail to persuade lawmakers polarized by the town hall brawls of August.

If nothing gets done, "it's a disaster politically" for the Democrats, said Gerald Shea, the AFL-CIO's top health care policy expert. "Unfortunately, I think that's what's behind a lot of the Republican opposition."

The action will speed up once Congress is back.

The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Max Baucus, is ready to march ahead. For months, Baucus, D-Mont., has tried to reach a compromise within a small but influential group of senators from both parties. He faces a Sept. 15 deadline, and has signaled he could move even sooner than that — with or without a deal.

His committee would be the last one to consider health care legislation before the full House and Senate take over. Deliberations in the Finance Committee are seen as a critical test because it reflects the composition of the Senate as a whole.

In the House, Democratic leaders have indicated they will not schedule a vote until the end of September. Many House members don't want to stick their necks out if it looks like the Senate is hopelessly deadlocked. Still, once House Democrats decide to go forward, they should be able to pass their bill.

There won't be any guarantees in the Senate, where 60 votes are needed to pass legislation of any consequence. It doesn't look like Democrats have them right now.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., will try to meld the Finance Committee's bill with legislation written by liberals on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee before he takes something to the full Senate. Debate could last for weeks, with hundreds of amendments.

Reid's most important decision will be whether to use a maneuver that allows the Senate to pass the financing elements of the bill with just 51 votes. Even so, he'd probably still need 60 votes to pass companion legislation with other essential elements — such as how people would buy their health insurance.

Finally, House and Senate negotiators would have to settle differences between the two chambers. It could be Christmas before that happens.

Republicans say it's all too much, too fast, that Congress should scrap what's been done so far and start over, without deadlines.

"There don't seem to be any checks and balances on a runaway government in Washington, D.C.," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn. An immigration overhaul fell under its own weight during the last administration, and "health reform seems to be doing the same."

For all the disagreements, the core elements of the congressional bills are similar.

They would set up a new purchasing pool to make it easier for individuals and small businesses to buy insurance, and offer government subsidies to make premiums more affordable. People would be required to get health coverage, through an employer, a government program, or on their own. Businesses that don't offer coverage would have to contribute in some way.

The changes are complicated, and it would take the better part of a decade to phase them all in. The cost is about $1 trillion over 10 years.

As the scope of the legislation has gotten clearer, more voters seem to be having second thoughts. Polls show that support for action this year plunged over the summer, from 61 percent in June to 53 percent in August, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey.

Obama is hoping he can turn that around. If he doesn't, lawmakers worried about getting re-elected next year will have another option to consider:

Should they pull the plug?

(EDITOR'S NOTE — Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar covers health care for The Associated Press.)

White House says public health care plan is negotiable

Obama signaling a willingness to compromise on an issue his supporters consider do-or-die.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House officials said Sunday a government health insurance option is negotiable, signaling a potential compromise on an issue that President Barack Obama's liberal supporters consider do-or-die.

As Obama prepares for a Wednesday night speech to Congress in a risky bid to salvage his top domestic priority, political adviser David Axelrod said a public plan is not the core issue in the health care debate. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs danced around a question about whether Obama would veto a bill without the public option.

The president "believes the public option is a good tool," said Axelrod, who joined with Gibbs in a one-two punch on the Sunday talk shows. "It shouldn't define the whole health care debate, however."

Their appearances came ahead of Congress' return this week from a summer break that saw eroding public support for an overhaul and contentious town hall meetings in lawmakers' districts.

Gibbs called the government plan a valuable tool. But asked if Obama would reject legislation that didn't include it, he responded: "We are not going to prejudge where the process will be."

"I doubt we are going to get into heavy veto threats" in the president's speech, Gibbs added.

Their comments on the public plan echoed Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' remarks last month that a government alternative to private insurance is "not the essential element" in revamping the system to guarantee coverage for all and try to curb unsustainable costs.

Liberals — many of whom want to do away with the private health insurance industry and replace it with Medicare for all — were furious. At the time, White House officials said Sebelius' remarks were being misinterpreted. Left unclear was Obama's bottom line.

Now it seems that Obama and his top aides are coming around to the view that a public plan is not essential.

On a call with prominent liberal House members Friday, Obama refused to be pinned down on the issue, a participant told The Associated Press.

Independents who helped propel Obama to the presidency are increasingly skeptical.

Unsubstantiated allegations that the legislation would promote euthanasia grabbed headlines.

But beneath such controversies, voters appear most concerned about the scope and costs of the bill — around $1 trillion over 10 years.

Gibbs said Obama will refocus the debate on the benefits of overhauling the system: more security and lower costs for the majority of people who have health insurance, and new ways to help self-employed people and small businesses get coverage.

"People will leave that speech knowing where he stands," said Gibbs. He said Obama is considering offering his own health care legislation, instead of letting Congress sort out all the details.

Axelrod appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," while Gibbs was on ABC's "This Week."

Associated Press

This file photo shows Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, speaking in Portland, Maine. Snowe, a member of the so-called Gang of Six on the Senate Finance Committee that's under intense pressure to work out a compromise on health-care legislation, insists bipartisanship is the only answer to resolve the existing stalemate.

Abramoff protege's case puts lobbying on trial

Kevin Ring's upcoming trial will detail the murky world of pay-to-play.

By NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Years into the scandal, a protege of Jack Abramoff is the first member of the imprisoned lobbyist's team going before a jury to fight federal corruption charges that will put their very profession on trial.

Prosecutors argue the lavish meals and box seats that Kevin Ring provided government officials were an illegal pay-to-play scheme. Ring says he merely used traditional tools of his trade to build influence.

Ring is making a rare and bold move in putting his case before a jury, considering the public's distaste for the influence of lobbyists and the cache of Ring's often sarcastic and chummy e-mails that prosecutors plan to use against him.

Ring is only the second person in the Abramoff investigation to go to trial, which begins Tuesday with jury selection. The other was David Safavian, the government's former chief procurement officer, who was found guilty of lying to investigators by two separate juries after winning a second trial on appeal. Sixteen other lobbyists and federal officials charged in the influence-trading scandal, including Abramoff and former Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, have pleaded guilty in deals with the government rather than take their chance in court.

"How this all works out in front of a jury will be interesting," said Washington attorney Stan Brand, who has defended other bribery cases. "The e-mails are embarrassing. But the question I have is: Are they as evidence persuasive that somebody committed a crime? It's one thing to take officials on a golf trip to Scotland (as Abramoff did). A meal or a ticket to an event isn't a trip to Scotland."

Ring, a 38-year-old father of two from suburban Kensington, Md., is charged with 10 felonies, including several with penalties up to 20 years in prison. The prosecutors charge Ring conspired with other Abramoff lobbyists to secretly give "a stream of things of value" to federal officials in return for favorable treatment. The charges include lying about his knowledge that Abramoff arranged a $5,000-a-month consulting job for the wife of former Rep. John Doolittle, R-Calif.

In exchange, the prosecutors charge, the officials Ring cultivated helped advance his professional interests — reclaiming a piece of New Mexico land for an Indian tribe he was working for, securing federal grants for his clients and getting expedited review of Abramoff's application to admit foreigners to a school he was trying to start.

Ring initially cooperated with investigators. He sat for more than 100 hours of interviews. But his attorneys say that ended when prosecutors insisted he plead guilty and implicate others. Instead, Ring insisted he did nothing illegal and decided to fight.

A former aide to two powerful Republican lawmakers, Doolittle and Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri, Ring in 1999 joined more than a dozen former Capitol Hill aides whom Abramoff lured to work with him.

The prosecutors plan to introduce e-mails that show Ring shared the Abramoff team's zeal to bring in clients and build government contacts who would help them.

Ring helped spread their firm's perks to officials helped or might in the future. Ring and other Abramoff lobbyists hosted fundraisers for lawmakers seeking re-election. They gave staffers tickets to take their friends to watch professional sports, in-demand concerts featuring Bruce Springsteen, Dave Matthews, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, and family events such as the Wiggles and Disney on Ice. They bought them expensive meals, at times spending more than $2,000 on a feast for an entire Capitol Hill office at Signatures, an Abramoff-owned restaurant on Pennsylvania Avenue near the Capitol.

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DEATH NOTICES

BERESH — Michael S. Beresh, of Monessen, on Sunday, Sept. 6. Robert A. Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

DURBIN — Doris M. (Powell) Durbin, 89, of Ellsworth, formerly of Coal Center, on Sunday, Sept. 6. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.*

Michael S. Beresh
Monessen

Michael S. Beresh, 93, of Monessen, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, in the Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at Greater Pittsburgh Greensburg. Born in Monessen on Aug. 21, 1916, he was a son of the late Michael and Mary Pankovich Beresh. He served his country as a sergeant with U.S. Army during World War II. He retired from American Chain and Cable Co. Monessen Plant and Corning Glass of Charleroi. He was a member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, VFW Post 1190, and was the oldest surviving member of the Knights of Columbus Council 954. Besides his parents, he was proceeded in death by his wife, Elayne M. Sosnar Beresh; two sisters, Mary Twardy and Ann Kozar; a brother, John Beresh; and two grandchildren, Craig and Chad Clay. He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Michele and Edward Clay, of Sumter, S.C. and Pamela and Edward Dudzinsky, of Greensburg; four grandchildren, Ryan and Amy Dudzinsky, and Jason and Gregory Clay; and one sister, Irene Beresh Herb, of Pittsburgh. Friends will be received Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Blvd. and Marion Ave., Monesen (724) 684-3700. Funeral services and burial information will be annoucned in Tuesday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Doris M. (Powell) Durbin
Ellsworth
Formerly of Coal Center

Doris M. Powell Durbin, 89, of Ellsworth, formerly of Coal Center, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, at Monongahela Valley Hospital. She was born June 2, 1920, in Coal Center, a daughter of Clarence and Elizabeth Irwin Powell. For several years, she was a sales clerk at the former Miller's Department Store in Charleroi. She was a member of Howe United Methodist Church, Coal Center. Mrs. Durbin is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, whom she lived with for the last six years, Darlene and James Puskavich, of Ellsworth; granddaughters, Jill Bebout (Mark), Cheryl Rice (Kevin), Monica Bellicini (Shawn) and Marcie Moessner (Matt); great-grandchildren, Cody Levine, Caroline and Cameron Rice, Emily, Luke and Logan Bebout and Ryan Moessner. Deceased are her husband, William Crawford Durbin, who died May 2003; brothers, Clarence, Ralph and Clifford Powell and sister, Margaret Abel. Friends are welcome from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the THOMPSON-MARODI FUNERAL HOME, INC., 809 Main Street, Bentleyville (724-239-2255). Services will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009 at a time to be announced. Interment in Howe Cemetery, Coal Center. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Howe United Methodist Church. Condolences can be sent at www.thompson-marodi.com.

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NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 2009. There are 115 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

Today's Highlight

On Sept. 7, 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

On this date:

■ In 1533, England's Queen Elizabeth I was born.

■ In 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.

■ In 1907, the British liner RMS Lusitania set out from Liverpool, England, on its maiden voyage, arriving six days later in New York.

■ In 1909, film and theater director Elia Kazan was born in Constantinople.

■ In 1927, American television pioneer Philo T. Farnsworth, 21, succeeded in transmitting the image of a line through electronic means with a device called an "image dissector."

■ In 1968, feminists protesting outside the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N.J., tossed items including bras into a trash can ostensibly for burning, although nothing was actually set on fire. (The winner of the pageant was Miss Illinois Judith Ford.)

■ In 1969, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen died at age 73.

■ In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos.

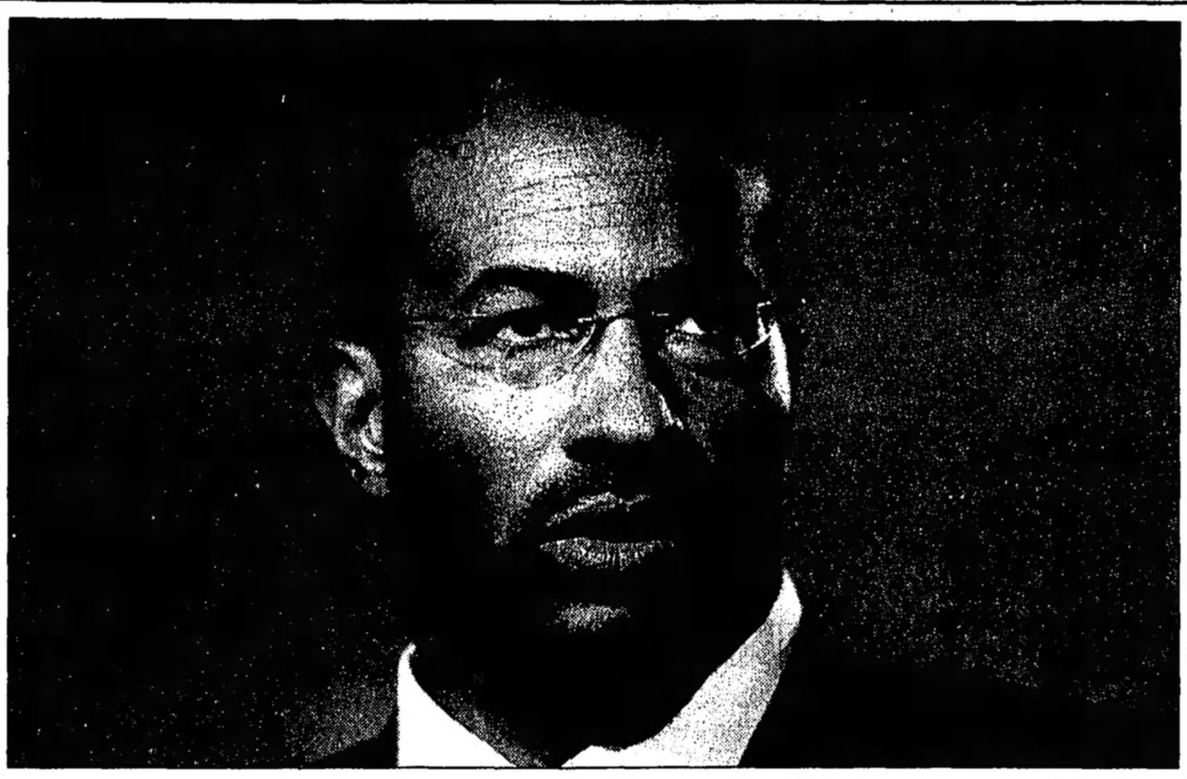
■ In 1979, cable TV's Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) made its debut.

■ In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

■ **Ten years ago**: Indonesia imposed martial law in East Timor, promising to crack down on rampaging pro-Indonesian militias after the territory's vote for independence. A 5.9 earthquake in Athens, Greece, claimed 143 lives. It was announced that Viacom Inc. was buying CBS Corp. for $36 billion.

■ **Five years ago**: An Associated Press tally showed that U.S. military deaths in the Iraq campaign had passed the 1,000 mark.

■ **One year ago**: Troubled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were placed in government conservatorship. Hurricane Ike roared across low-lying islands in the Atlantic as a Category 4 storm. Serena Williams outlasted Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 7-5 to win her third U.S. Open championship and ninth Grand Slam title. Hall of Fame basketball coach Don Haskins died in El Paso Texas, at age 78. Mystery author Gregory Mcdonald died in Pulaski, Tenn., at age 71. Astroland, New York City's world famous amusement park at Coney Island, closed after 46 years. Britney Spears won three MTV Video Music Awards, including video of the year for "Piece of Me."



Associated Press

Van Jones, an Obama administration official specializing in environmentally friendly "green jobs," has resigned.

Obama environmental advisor resigns from post

Van Jones faced heat from Republicans for past comments.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Barack Obama's environmental adviser, Van Jones, who became embroiled in a controversy over past inflammatory statements, has resigned his White House job after what he calls a "vicious smear campaign against me."

The resignation, disclosed without advance notice by the White House in an e-mail minutes into Sunday on a holiday weekend, came as Obama is working to regain his footing in the contentious health care debate.

Jones, an administration official specializing in environmentally friendly "green jobs" with the White House Council on Environmental Quality was linked to efforts suggesting a government role in the 2001 terror attacks and to derogatory comments about Republicans.

After the resignation, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Obama did not endorse Van Jones' comments but thanked him for his service.

"What Van Jones decided was that the agenda of this president was bigger than any one individual," Gibbs said.

The president thanks Jones for his work and accepted his resignation, Gibbs said, adding that Jones "understood he was going to get in the way," by becoming a liability to the administration.

Gibbs spoke Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Jones issued an apology Thursday for his past statements.

The matter surfaced after news reports of a derogatory comment Jones made in the past about Republicans, and separately, of Jones's name appearing on a petition connected to the events surrounding the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

That 2004 petition had asked for congressional hearings and other investigations into whether high-level government officials had allowed the attacks to occur.

"On the eve of historic fights for health care and clean energy, opponents of reform have mounted a vicious smear campaign against me," Jones said in his resignation statement. "They are using lies and distortions to distract and divide."

Howard Dean, former head of the Democratic National Committee, told "Fox News Sunday" that he thought Jones "was brought down" and that his resignation was "a loss to the country."

Jones said he has been "inundated with calls from across the political spectrum urging me to stay and fight."

But he said he cannot in good conscience ask his colleagues to spend time and energy defending or explaining his past.

Jones flatly said in an earlier statement that he did not agree with the petition's stand on the Sept. 11 attacks and that "it certainly does not reflect my views, now or ever."

As for his other comments he made before joining Obama's team, Jones said, "If I have offended anyone with statements I made in the past, I apologize."

Despite his apologies, Republicans demanded Jones quit.

Rep. Mike Pence, of Indiana, said in a statement, "His extremist views and coarse rhetoric have no place in this administration or the public debate."

Missouri Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond said Congress should investigate Jones's fitness for the job.

Fox News Channel host Glenn Beck repeatedly denounced Jones after a group the adviser co-founded, ColorofChange.org, led an advertising boycott against Beck's show to protest his claim that Obama is a racist.

James Rucker, the organization's executive director, has said Jones had nothing to do with ColorofChange.org now and didn't even know about the campaign before it started.

Jones, well-known in the environmental movement, was a civil-rights activist in California before shifting his attention to environmental and energy issues.

He is known for laying out a broad vision of a green economy. Conservatives have harshly criticized him for having left-wing political views.

Hamas: Beware Israel

Settlement construction is central to a proposed deal for the region.

By The Associated Press

CAIRO – The leader of Hamas on Sunday warned against Israel's proposal to temporarily halt settlement construction in exchange for normalization with Arab countries, describing it as "dangerous."

Khaled Mashaal also told reporters during his brief visit to Cairo that despite new German mediation efforts, there was still a long way to go in negotiations over the release of an Israeli soldier held by the militant group since 2006.

"As you know there has been a development with the German mediation taking place with the knowledge of Egypt and in coordination with us," he said, referring to talks over a prisoner exchange including Sgt. Gilad Schalit.

"We are still in the beginning we haven't yet gotten into details or discussing the names, there is a still not a short path to go, which requires patience."

Hamas demands the release of hundreds of Palestinians by Israel, in exchange for Schalit. His release is considered a key to lifting the siege on the seaside territory, in place since 2007.

Mashaal's comments came after the Israel proposed on Friday the construction of hundreds of new apartments in West Bank settlements ahead of a building slowdown presented as a concession toward peacemaking in exchange for improved ties with Arab countries.

"This is a very dangerous equation," said Mashaal. "There is an Israeli effort to avoid the American demands," he said referring to U.S. call for a full settlement freeze.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Crack found in Bay Bridge

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Crews working on a seismic retrofit of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on Saturday found what authorities called a "significant crack" in the eastern span that could keep the California landmark closed beyond a planned holiday weekend shutdown.

During an inspection, workers discovered a problem with a steel link that helps hold up the bridge's eastern portion, senior bridge engineer Ken Brown told the San Francisco Chronicle. The link – part of a network of eight similar pieces – is about two inches thick and was cracked halfway through.

N. Korea uranium claim a concern

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) – A U.S. special envoy said Sunday that Washington has just begun considering how to respond to North Korea's claim of moving closer to a second, easier way of making nuclear bombs.

"If we are going to deal as we wish with the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, this is an issue that will have to be clarified," Stephen Bosworth, special envoy on North Korea, told reporters in Seoul.

North Korea said Friday its process of enriching uranium is nearly complete, giving it a new way to make weapons in addition to its known plutonium-based program. The announcement came just hours before Bosworth flew to Seoul to discuss how to bring the North back to stalled disarmament talks.

Bosworth, who visited Beijing before coming to Seoul, was to leave for Tokyo later Sunday.

Iraq pushes for tribunal

BAGHDAD (AP) – Iraq's prime minister pressed the U.N. envoy Sunday for action on his request for an international tribunal to try suspects in last month's suicide truck bombings at government targets.

The premier, Nouri al-Maliki, also briefed the special envoy on the intensifying dispute with neighboring Syria sparked by the attacks, state TV reported.

Iraq says two wanted members of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party who fled to Syria at the start of the war planned and financed the Aug. 19 attacks. Syria has refused to hand them over, demanding evidence.

Pakistani civilians flee from Khyber

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) – Thousands of civilians are fleeing the latest military operation against insurgents in Pakistan's northwestern Khyber tribal region, a government official said Sunday.

Pakistan is under intense U.S. pressure to crack down on insurgents along its border with Afghanistan, especially the lawless tribal belt where al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is suspected to be hiding. The U.S. believes militants use Pakistan's tribal areas as safe havens from which to plan attacks on Western troops across the frontier.

Khyber is of particular concern because militants frequently attack trucks along the famed Khyber Pass, a main route for supplies destined for U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

The military destroyed two training centers and 15 militant homes on Sunday, paramilitary troops said.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

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CASH 5:	8-12-23-25-29
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OUR OPINION

Labor Day is a time for gratitude

WORK CAN BE DREARY, draining, frustrating — sometimes it is a hateful thing. On those days when we'd like to throw up our hands and head for the hills, we are reminded through bitter experience that it is a rare circumstance when not having a job is better than having one.

If the grass seems greener on the unemployment line, it's usually because we're not seeing clearly. Those of us who want jobs and have them should be thankful for the purpose and well-being they bring to our lives.

A life without labor to the benefit of self and others can be a sad thing indeed. So to those unemployed or underemployed, especially during these challenging times, we say, "Keep the faith." For you will get back on your feet.

Labor Day is for gratitude. We all should thank those who support our physical and intellectual toils, whether it be owners or customers.

The former supply the capital and organizational structure through which each of us makes our contributions and earns our daily bread. The latter buy the fruits of our labors. Without either, there would be no jobs.

By the way, capital and labor are a fine pair when they work — not one in opposition to the other but in tandem to maximize value. It must be remembered that neither is sufficient unto itself.

Enjoy the holiday. For tomorrow, it's back to work. And isn't that grand.

ANOTHER VIEW

The Daily Independent, Ashland, Ky., on stimulus bill money:

When the massive $787 billion economic stimulus bill became the first major piece of legislation enacted under the new presidency of Barack Obama, it cleared Congress without much help from the Republican minority. Not a single GOP House member voted for the bill and it received only three votes from GOP senators, including one from a then-Republican senator who has since become a Democrat.

But Republicans who sharply criticized the stimulus package as being irresponsibly expensive are putting their opposition to the bill aside and accepting millions of dollars from it. ...

Some Democrats are criticizing Republicans for being so eager to spend the money they opposed, saying the GOP can't have it both ways. Yes, it can, and if the shoe were on the other foot, Democrats would be doing the same thing.

As we see it, every American taxpayer is helping pay for the stimulus package and the payments will extend into the next generation. When the GOP united in opposing the stimulus package, it was a matter of principle. When the stimulus package became the law of the land, the issue shifted from being one of principle to one of helping the folks back home with needed projects.

The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, on layaway:

Shoppers' use of layaway to purchase school supplies is unusual for a retail season that typically hasn't been considered a major strain on household budgets. But the resurgence of this old system of buying is a sign of people not only dealing with financial setbacks in a down economy but also taking positive steps toward careful money management. ...

Sears Holdings Corp., parent company to Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Kmart stores, this month unveiled a Christmas Club card, to which customers can add money through Nov. 14, then use the card to shop after that. The program emulates the old Christmas clubs, also popular during the Depression and offered by banks ...

Recent Federal Reserve Board reports show that consumers cut their credit-card balances five months in a row, and savings rates have ticked upward. These are welcome indications that Americans have developed a renewed interest in fiscal prudence.

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What would Bush do?

Rich **LOWRY**

If he wants to prevail in Afghanistan, Barack Obama needs a George W. Bush moment. He'll have to ignore the polls, brush aside doubters in his own party and reinforce a failing war effort.

Bush did all that, and more, when he ordered the surge in Iraq in January 2007. He also had to buck his own military brass and almost the entirety of a foreign-policy establishment that considered the feckless recommendations of the Baker-Hamilton commission holy writ. He operated from a position of political weakness so debilitating, Lyndon Johnson might have identified with it in his final days.

Compared with those headwinds, Obama is experiencing a late-summer breeze on Afghanistan. He's a new president in whom the American public hasn't yet lost faith, even if he's faded from his post-election heights. In a CBS poll, four in 10 say they want troop levels decreased, and only 48 percent approve of Obama's handling of Afghanistan. That's nothing like the collective "enough" the public had exclaimed about the Iraq War prior to the surge.

But Obama will need three especially Bushian qualities if he is to spare his country a humiliating retreat or an underresourced, inconclusive slog in Afghanistan: sincerity, perseverance and courage.

Bush risked his presidency on Iraq because of his heartfelt belief in its strategic importance. Obama sounds just as categorical about Afghanistan. If he believes it, he'll make the tough calls. If not, he'll be prone to Rumsfeldian half-measures that will ensure all our sacrifices are made on behalf of failure.

We'd be in even worse shape if Obama hadn't already sent 21,000 additional troops earlier this year. The buzz among coalition commanders on the ground was that August would be a trying month — casualties would spike, and Americans back home would sour. So it has come to pass. If Obama approves another request for additional forces from Gen. Stanley McChrystal, it will mean even more casualties, as — for at least a period of time — the Taliban look as strong as ever.

Bush had to endure a similarly treacherous lag between our troops fighting their way to outposts among the population in Iraq, and the results in enhanced security. Obama, too, will have to persevere, and have the fortitude to disregard the voices of his own politicos who want nothing to do with an Afghan escalation, to ignore his most fervent supporters who fear he'll wreck his presidency in the Hindu Kush, and to stomach poll numbers that will get worse.

If the war can't be fought on the cheap, it can't be sold on the cheap, either. Obama gives the impression of wanting to maintain at least 68,000 troops in a far-off conflict in Central Asia in which dozens of Americans die every month, without ever mentioning it except when scheduled for the occasional speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He'll have to convince the public that the war is necessary and winnable, when the charm of simply characterizing it as the "good war" in contrast to Iraq has worn off.

If we withdrew, the Taliban would take over swaths of the country and would likely host al-Qaida again. Pakistan would feel pressure to return to embracing the Taliban fully as its proxy in a war that would become a free-for-all for Afghanistan's neighbors. This would strengthen the hand of extremists within Pakistan at the same time our credibility would have sustained a devastating blow.

The war is far from lost. Kabul is relatively safe, certainly compared with the hellish extremity of Baghdad in 2006. The areas that are in the worst shape in the South are those in which we have had the fewest forces. The population doesn't want a reprise of Taliban rule. If we could recover in an Iraq that had descended to Dante's seventh circle, Afghanistan is salvageable with enough resources and time.

As he contemplates his next move, Obama should ask an unexpected question: "What would Bush do?"

Rich Lowry can be reached via e-mail: comments.lowry@national-review.com.

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What is the CIA still hiding?

Nat **HENTOFF**

A fierce debate will long continue to swirl around former CIA Inspector General John Helgerson's long-delayed 2004 report (sprung by an ACLU lawsuit) about at least some of the "enhanced" CIA interrogations. He now says some were apparently designed "solely because they were degrading" (his statement printed in the Aug. 24 Washington Post).

On Aug. 24, the very day the Helgerson report was released (despite strenuous objections by CIA Director Leon Panetta), a military judge at Guantanamo Bay denied access to one of the CIA's former "black sites" by a defense lawyer for an accused 9/11 co-conspirator, Ramzi Bin al Shibh. (Aug. 25, Miami Herald).

His lawyer, Navy Cmdr. Suzanne Lachelier, says it's necessary to learn details of her client's interrogation at that secret CIA prison before he was shipped to Guantanamo Bay. In view of the brutal interrogations disclosed in many previously documented reports about the "black sites," she is trying to determine whether her "high value" client suffers from a permanent psychological disorder that would prevent his being competent to stand trial.

A Guantanamo Bay military judge, Col. Stephen Henley, denied her access to the CIA prison on the national security grounds that classified information might be disclosed on what happened to Ramzi Bin al Shibh there. There has been no objection to this ruling from the Obama administration.

But what "classified" interrogation details could still be hidden there? We now know (New York Times, August 26) that the CIA's "secret interrogation program operated under strict rules... managers, doctors and lawyers not only set the program's parameters but dictated every facet of a detainee's daily routine, monitoring interrogations on an hour-by-hour basis."

If we are to believe the proud declaration by the CIA, it reveals how fastidiously the Bush-Cheney administration executed its policy of "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment" forbidden by the international Convention Against Torture, the Geneva Conventions (both of which we signed), our own torture laws and the Supreme Court's 2006 Hamdan v. Rumsfeld decision.

Should you doubt our torture policy existed, see actual official government documents (including autopsy reports of suspects killed during interrogation) in "Administration of Torture: A Documentary Record from Washington to Abu Ghraib and Beyond" (Columbia University Press, 2007) by the ACLU's Jameel Jaffer and Amrit Singh.

Surely, the CIA has a record of Ramzi Bin al Shibh's stay in one of its "black sites" so that at his so-called trial at Guantanamo, he will have the fundamental due process of our rule of law on whether the CIA made him so unfit he cannot stand trial.

What is the CIA hiding, and not only in this case? Keep in mind that of the 109 pages on the widely discussed CIA Inspector General report, 36 pages were completely blacked out, and 30 more were largely blacked out (ABC News. Aug. 25). Moreover, ABC's Brian Ross and Matthew Cole alarmingly disclose:

"The CIA and the Obama Administration continue to keep secret some of the most shocking allegations involving the spy agency's interrogation program: three deaths and several other detainees whose whereabouts could not be determined, according to a former senior intelligence official who has read the full, unredacted version."

Beyond the inflammatory Helgerson report, there will be much more to come if we ever get a full-scale, bipartisan criminal investigation with subpoena powers, not only of "the black sites" but all the way up the chain of command to the highest-level officials and their lawyers, who have yet to be held at all accountable for the war crimes -- and that's what they are in U.S. and international law -- committed in our name.

As for the continuing secrecy of the far from self-declared "transparent" Obama administration, little attention has been paid to the former CIA Inspector General's recent statement in the Aug. 24 Washington Post in which he said:

"I am disappointed that the Government did not release even a redacted version of the Recommendations (I made), which described a number of corrective actions that needed to be taken."

Why do Attorney General Eric Holder and President Barack Obama hide these recommendations by the former Inspector General? Because they don't want to act on them?

NEWS

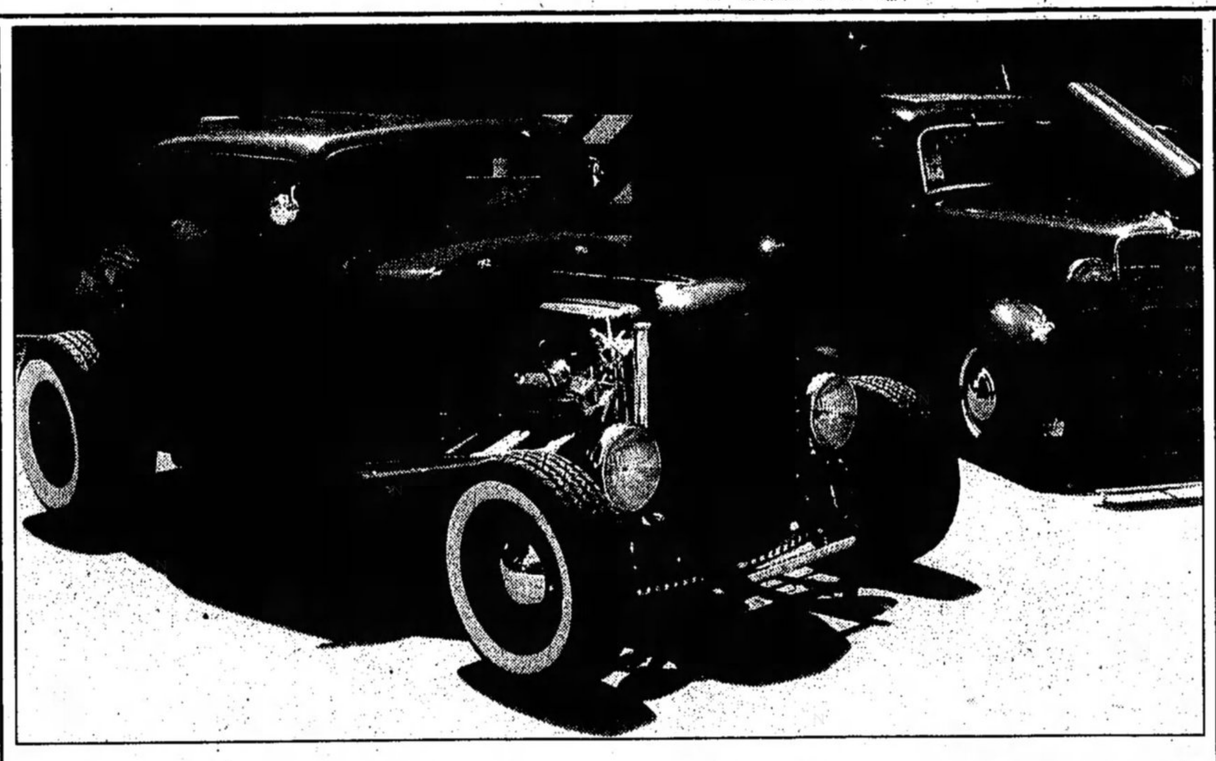
Science brings Wyeth painting out of hiding

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Just beneath the surface of a painting of one of America's best known artistic families lies a dark tale that had been hidden for decades.

Thanks to a colossal X-ray machine, a magazine illustration by N.C. Wyeth has been reproduced in living color more than 80 years after the artist covered it with another work.

"It's really an exciting development in the study of objects of art," said Jennifer Mass, a scientist and art conservator at the Winterthur museum in Delaware. She and several colleagues presented their results at a conference last month of the American Chemical Society.

The soft-toned painting of Wyeth's family doesn't include much detail; it was meant only as a study for a living room mural the artist had once planned to paint in their private family home.



The Monessen Parks Restoration Group, along with the Tri-County Thunder Collector Car Club, will host a "Fund-Raising Super Cruise in the Park" 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 13 at Monessen City Park. Proceeds will benefit ongoing efforts to beautify Monessen's parks. The car cruise is open for all classic and muscle cars, street rods and motorcycles. Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 entries. There will be 12 large trophies awarded, plus a Tri-County Thunder Club choice trophy. The event will feature oldies music. Food and beverages will be sold. The entry fee per vehicle is $5, but spectators will be admitted free. In the event of inclement weather, the cruise will be rescheduled for Sept. 19. Additional information may be obtained by calling Bob Amoroso at (412) 670-3114 or Ron Vivio at (724) 433-0808.

Hitting books can be costly for students

Textbooks are expensive part of college costs.

By TIFFANY WRIGHT
Associated Press Writer

SOMERSET — Before college students can crack open their books, they have to crack open their wallets and dish out money to pay for educational materials.

But doing so may become harder for students, as new editions of textbooks are constantly being published and students are already paying a considerable amount of money for tuition, room and board and other fees.

According to Make Textbooks Affordable, a campaign by Public Interest Research Groups to curtail the costs of college textbooks, students spend an average of $900 a year on books.

"The reason that textbooks are so expensive is because the economics of textbooks don't work like a normal business. Students pay whatever the publisher charges because they have to buy the books," said Nicole Allen, an advocate for the organization.

Allen said the campaign is focused on pressuring publishers to lower prices and offer more "open textbooks." Open textbooks are similar to printed copies, but are available for free on the Internet. Information can also be printed or downloaded, and students have the option to buy a printed copy if needed.

"Open textbooks are the solution to this problem," Allen said. "It creates a system where students have options."

While open textbooks may be one solution to reducing the costs of books, many subjects or editions may not be available. But the campaign may help change that.

"We want to increase both its supply and demand," Allen said.

More than 2,000 faculty members across the U.S. have joined the campaign as supporters.

Brian Sharp, an associate professor of mathematics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania about 40 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, signed up to see the open textbooks offered online.

"Right now they are kind of limited, but hopefully there will be more in the future," he said.

Sharp tries to help students save money on books. For his secondary math education courses he suggests students sign up as members of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. For a $30 membership fee, students can have electronic access to journals educational materials.

He also tries to keep copies of older textbooks in his office, so students who use textbooks online through a Web access code can have a hard copy to reference.

Vladimir Savinov, an associate professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Pittsburgh, also signed his name on the campaign.

"I'm trying to help my students save money," he said.

New editions are often unnecessary in Savinov's opinion. So are books that are bundled with compact discs or workbooks.

"They started bundling books with CDs and from my point of view as a physics professor this is complete nonsense," he said.

And new editions do not always mean new information.

"There really doesn't need to be improved editions. Introduction to Physics has not changed since the 19th century," Savinov said. "In my opinion publishers are coming up with more ways to become profitable and they don't want students to reuse textbooks. They want every generation of students to spend more and more money."

An introductory book 10 years ago would cost a student about $60, according to Savinov. Now, it costs about $120.

A bookstore employee at the Allegany College of Maryland, Somerset Campus, said online or open textbooks are not available at the school. Students' only option is to pay for printed, hard-bound copies.

According to John Ziats, an assistant manager at the bookstore of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown campus bookstores account for about 12 percent of a book's price.

Ziats said the store tries to sell used books, but sometimes there may not be enough copies to meet the needs of students for the courses.

Stone (FROM PAGE THREE)

I suppose my affection for reunions started way back in the 1930s, when the last Saturday in July marked the annual reunion for my mother's family, "the Zimmer-Eisley Clan.

It was held each year at Monessen City Park and I recall the sheer joy of the various races and contests, the annual softball game, and the delicious variety of picnic foods (especially the desserts).

Other than Christmas, that special Saturday in July was my favorite day of the year.

In 1955, my own graduating class held our first reunion. We were only four years away from the sound of those school bells but I suppose, still wet behind the ears, we couldn't wait for another year for our first post-graduation "get together."

Since then, we've had a reunion every five years. That makes a total of eleven, plus special birthday celebrations when we reached 50, 60, 70, and 75.

Counting the birthday parties, we've had 15 reunions and our 60th is scheduled for 2011.

Not only have I attended each of those affairs but I also had very active roles in planning them. If the Good Lord sees fit, I shall be at our 60th in two more years. Like my wife says, "I'm Mr. Reunion."

Our class, the Monessen Class of '51, always has outstanding reunions thanks to the efforts of individuals such as Bob and Rosemary Betza, Elise Capuano Silko, Mary Ann Kuhar Ralston, Rita Cocca, Evelyn Sowko Novotny, John Cheroki, Jim Barron and many others, both living and deceased.

Our class produced the first historical video, "A Sentimental Journey" of a graduating class from Monessen. Several other classes have since followed our lead. We also published our own book, "A Touch of Class," with 24 individual accounts of our youthful roots.

We've always had excellent programs but our 45th reunion was especially memorable as the fabulous Four Lads helped us in our celebration. We were also privileged, each year until his death, to the accordion accompaniment of fellow classmate, Patsy Martucci.

I may be prejudiced, but I think the class of '51 holds the greatest reunions of all. I'm certain that shall be disputed and it should be. Each of us should believe that our own is certainly the best. That's as it should be!

In addition to family and class reunions, I also look forward to reuniting with any old friends, be they college, army or those good old neighborhood gangs.

A reunion can be big or small.

A few weeks ago, former Ramblers, Don Hayes and several other former Ramblers - Andy "Heads" Pinasko, Don "Jonesy" Jones and yours' truly - got together for a breakfast reunion at Eat N Park in Rostraver Township.

The breakfast stretched into several hours as we rehashed our days of sandlot ball, garden raids and those refreshing dips into our favorite watering holes.

Each of us was able to build upon our past to become the successful men, husbands and fathers we are today. Besides our breakfast gettogether, we've also had two larger reunions hosted by Don and Gloria Hayes as well as an initial Rambler Reunion hosted by Ken and Sheri Husher in 2001.

Plans are in the making for a combined reunion of all teams who played in the PAL of the 1940s and '50s for September of 2010. The exact date has not yet been set but it will be held at Monessen City Park some Saturday in September and likely will be held in conjunction with a Greyhound football game the previous evening.

I believe it's important for people to attend and support their own reunions.

It's a way to show our appreciation for our Mon Valley heritage.

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There's lots to do this Labor Day holiday weekend

With temperatures expected to be in the mid-70s and just a chance of afternoon showers, Mid-Mon Valley residents should spend Labor Day the way they did Saturday and Sunday - taking advantage of favorable weather conditions to enjoy all sorts of seasonal outdoor activities.

From boating to swimming to golfing to biking to fishing to hiking to tennis to old-fashioned family picnics, there's no shortage of activities available for area residents as the holiday weekend winds to a close.

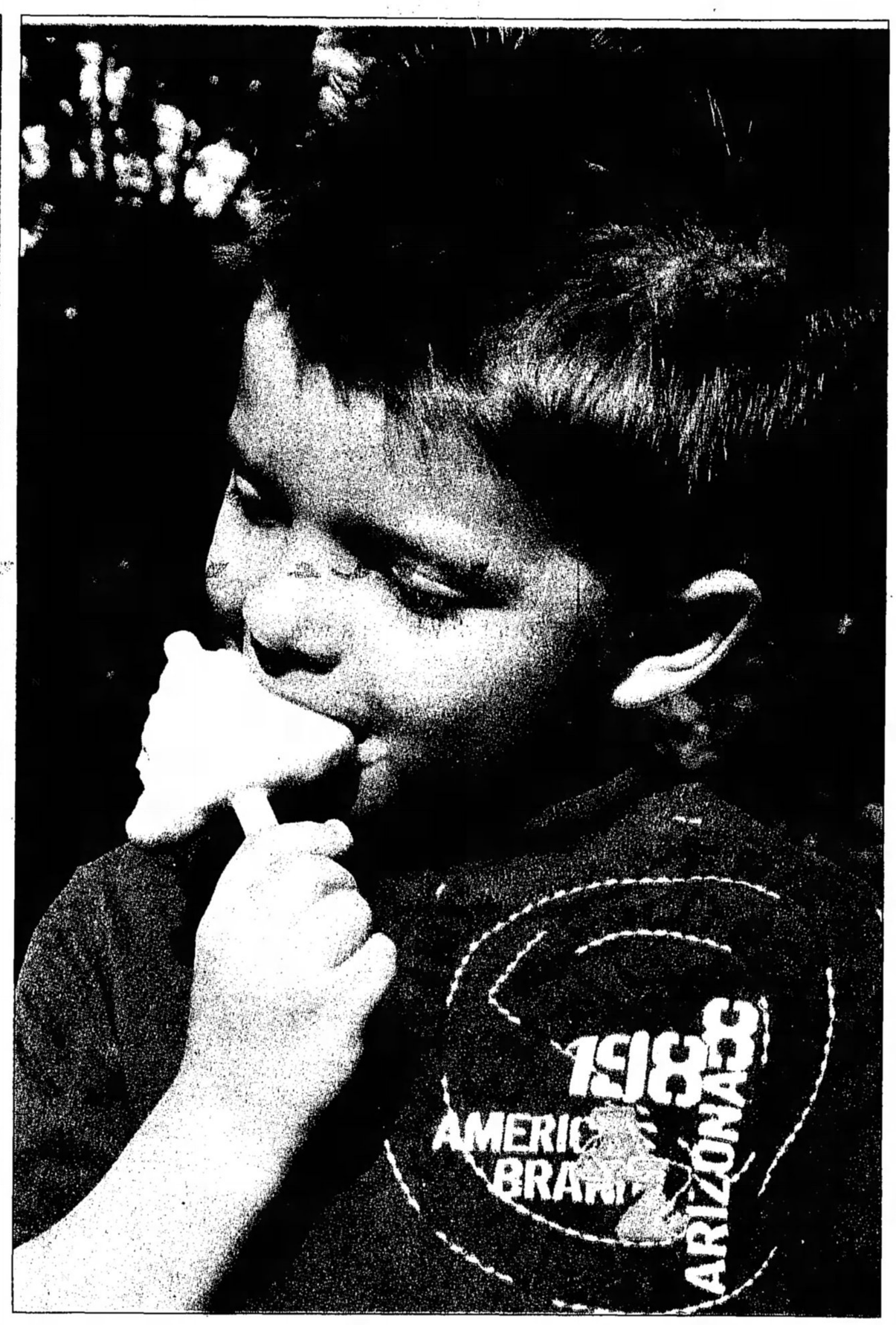
The pain of saying goodbye to summer is eased, of course, by the arrival of football season.

High school football - ever popular in this area - began Friday and the Steelers - the team that brings southwestern Pennsylvania together like no other institution - starts defense of its Super Bowl title on Thursday.

So the good times should continue to roll in

Photos by
Jim Ference

Jet skies power their way through the Monongahela River as a boat prepares to start towing a skier in background. Recreational boating is a popular activity in the area, particularly during holidays such as today's Labor Day celebration.



ABOVE - Dians Sapp, 12, and Mariah Geigler, 12, both of Scott Township, found this statue while wadding in the Monongahela River, near Monongahela.

RIGHT - Aidan Werner, 4, of Smithton, likes ice cream as evidenced by this photo taken at Cedar Creek Park.

BELOW - Aiden Vega, 3, left, and his brother, Xander, 5, play in what's left of Mingo Creek while visiting there with their mom, Tanya Vega, of Donora.

BELOW RIGHT - Checking their scores after a round of miniature golf at Bill's Golfland are, from left, Aaron Cooper; Nancy Ellis; Seth Cooper, 10; Bailey Cooper, 12, and Jami Cooper. The Coopers are from Carroll Township, while Ellis is in line to become the next mayor of Charleroi.

Bucs avoid record loss

Garrett Jones capped a ninth-inning rally as the Pirates escaped a loss that would have given them a 17th straight losing season. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Oklahoma hurting

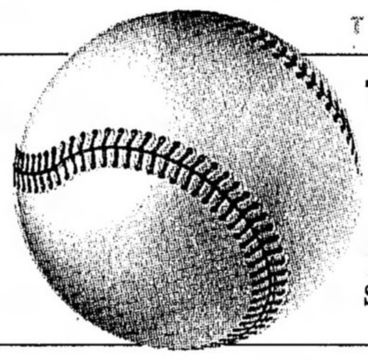
The Sooners are reeling after Saturday's upset by BYU and an injury to starting quarterback Sam Bradford. **4B**

Raiders get Seymour

Oakland gave up a first-round draft choice in 2011 to acquire Richard Seymour from the Patriots. **4B**

Sports Trivia

Which NFL team has the longest current opening-game winning streak and how many games is it? **2B**



Today's schedule

Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at Houston
St. Louis at Milwaukee
Cincinnati at Colorado
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona
San Diego at San Francisco

Brian **HERMAN**

Cougars' Hooks gets offer from Pitt

At 6-6 and 290 pounds, junior Zach Hooks is hard to miss on Charleroi High's football team.

The Cougars' two-way tackle has already caught the eye of at least one Division I school.

Last week Hooks received a letter from Pitt offering him a full scholarship.

"I was a little surprised to get the letter," admitted the soft-spoken Hooks.

Hooks, however, is in no hurry to make a decision.

"I'll probably wait until next year before I sign with anyone," he said.

Charleroi hasn't had a Division I gridder since Dan LaCarte, now a Cougar assistant, went to Pitt in 2000.

Charleroi coach Luke Mollis wouldn't be surprised to see Hooks play at the major college level.

"I think he's Division I material," he said. "He has the potential. He's very dominant, athletic and strong."

■ Two California University gridders are on the top 20 preseason pro hopeful list on the D2football.com Web site.

They are 6-6 wide receiver A.J. Jackson and cornerback Terrence Johnson.

Jackson is ranked the fifth best Division II player with Johnson 18th.

Both Vulcans are projected as free agents, unlikely to be selected in the 2010 NFL draft.

The only players listed ahead of Jackson are Indiana's Akwasi Owusu-Ansah, Abilene Christian offensive tackle Ton Washington, Newberry wide receiver Kelton Tindal and Hillsdale offensive tackle Jared Veldheer.

Owusu-Ansah is projected as a fourth round draft pick, with Washington possibly going in the sixth round and Tindal in either the sixth or seventh.

Edinboro quarterback Trevor Harris is sixth on the list with Indiana quarterback Andrew Krewatch 17th.

■ Robin Ersland, who coached wrestling at California University from 1988 to 1994, has a new job.

After spending the past 15 seasons as wrestling coach and strength coordinator at Central Missouri, Ersland landed the mat post at Minot State University in North Dakota.

Minot State became an NCAA Division II member two months ago.

■ Sunday was special for California University women's assistant basketball coach Jess Strom.

A former Steel Valley High and Penn State cage standout, Strom received an award for outstanding achievement in women's basketball at the 51st annual Thompson Run Athletic Association Sports Night.

Strom has the distinction of being the first female athlete to be honored by the club.

■ And thanks to Lee Hewitt, of Newell, who says a hen is the only thing that can lay around and produce!

Steelers keep Redman

Running back added to the team's practice squad after clearing waivers.

Redman

Rookie running back Isaac Redman is still a Pittsburgh Steeler.

After clearing waivers Saturday, Redman was signed Sunday to the Steelers' eight-man practice squad.

A free agent from Bowie State, Redman was one of the Steelers' biggest surprises during the preseason with three rushing touchdowns and 145 rushing yards.

Others on the practice squad include center A.Q. Shipley, defensive end Sonny Harris, defensive tackle Steve McLendon, running back Justin Vincent, tight end Dezmond Sherrod and wide receiver Tyler Grisham.

Eight rookies made the 53-man roster for the Steelers, who open the season Thursday at Heinz Field against Tennessee.

Heading the list is No. 1 draft pick Ziggy Hood as well as Kraig Urbik, Mike Wallace, Frank Summers, Joe Burnett, Ramon Foster, David Johnson and Keenan Lewis.

The Steelers put veteran tight end Sean McHugh on the reserve-injured list, which means he'll miss the entire 2009 season after a knee injury during training camp.

The Pittsburgh Steelers named their captains for 2009.

They include quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and wide receiver Hines Ward on offense, linebacker James Harrison on defense, kicker Jeff Reed and linebacker Keyaron Fox on special teams.

The Steeler roster follows:

Offense

Quarterbacks — Ben Roethlisberger, Charley Batch and Denis Dixon.

Running backs — Willie Parker, Rashard Mendenhall, Mewelde Moore, Frank Summers and Stefan Logan.

Wide receivers — Hines Ward, Santonio Holmes, Limas Sweed, Shaun McDonald and Mike Wallace.

Tight ends — Heath Miller, Matt Spaeth and David Johnson.

Linemen — Justin Hartwig, Max Starks, Trai Essex, Willie Colon, Chris Kemoeatu, Ramon Foster, Tony Hills, Doug Legursky and Kris Urbik.

Defense

Linemen — Aaron Smith, Casey Hampton, Ziggy Hood, Brent Keisel, Chris Hoke, Nick Eason and Travis Kirschke.

Linebackers — James Harrison, James Farrior, Lawrence Timmons, LaMar Woodley, Patrick Bailey, Keyaron Fox, Andre Frazier and Arnold Harrison.

Secondary — Troy Polamalu, Ryan Clark, William Gay, Ike Taylor, Deshea Townsend, Joe Burnett, Keenan Lewis, Ryan Mundy, Keiwan Ratliff and Tyrone Carter.

Kicker — Jeff Reed.

Punter — Daniel Sepulveda.

Long snapper — Greg Warren.

Late TD lifts Bloomsburg over Cal U

Touchdown pass with 22 seconds left dooms Vulcans to 0-2 start.

CALIFORNIA — In his 25 years as a head football coach, John Luckhardt has had his share of heartbreaking losses.

Saturday night, another one was added to the list.

No. 6 Bloomsburg scored a touchdown with 22 seconds left to deal No. 17 Cal a tough 17-10 defeat at Adamson Stadium.

The loss dropped the Vulcans to 0-2 for the first time since 1999 and extended their losing streak to three, the longest since 2003.

California had tied the game at 10 with only one minute remaining when Josh Portis threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Jackson.

The Vulcans drove 59 yards on eight plays for their lone touchdown, highlighted by Portis' 12-yard run, Freddie Bacco's 13-yard run and Portis passes of 16 and 15 yards to Jackson.

After Cal knotted the score, Bloomsburg took only four plays and 37 seconds to go ahead.

The Huskies' Dan Latorre hit Cory Stiger from four yards our for the game winner, a play after a scrambling Latorre connected with Chris Tressler on a 47-yarder.

Latorre started the winning drive with a 10-yard run.

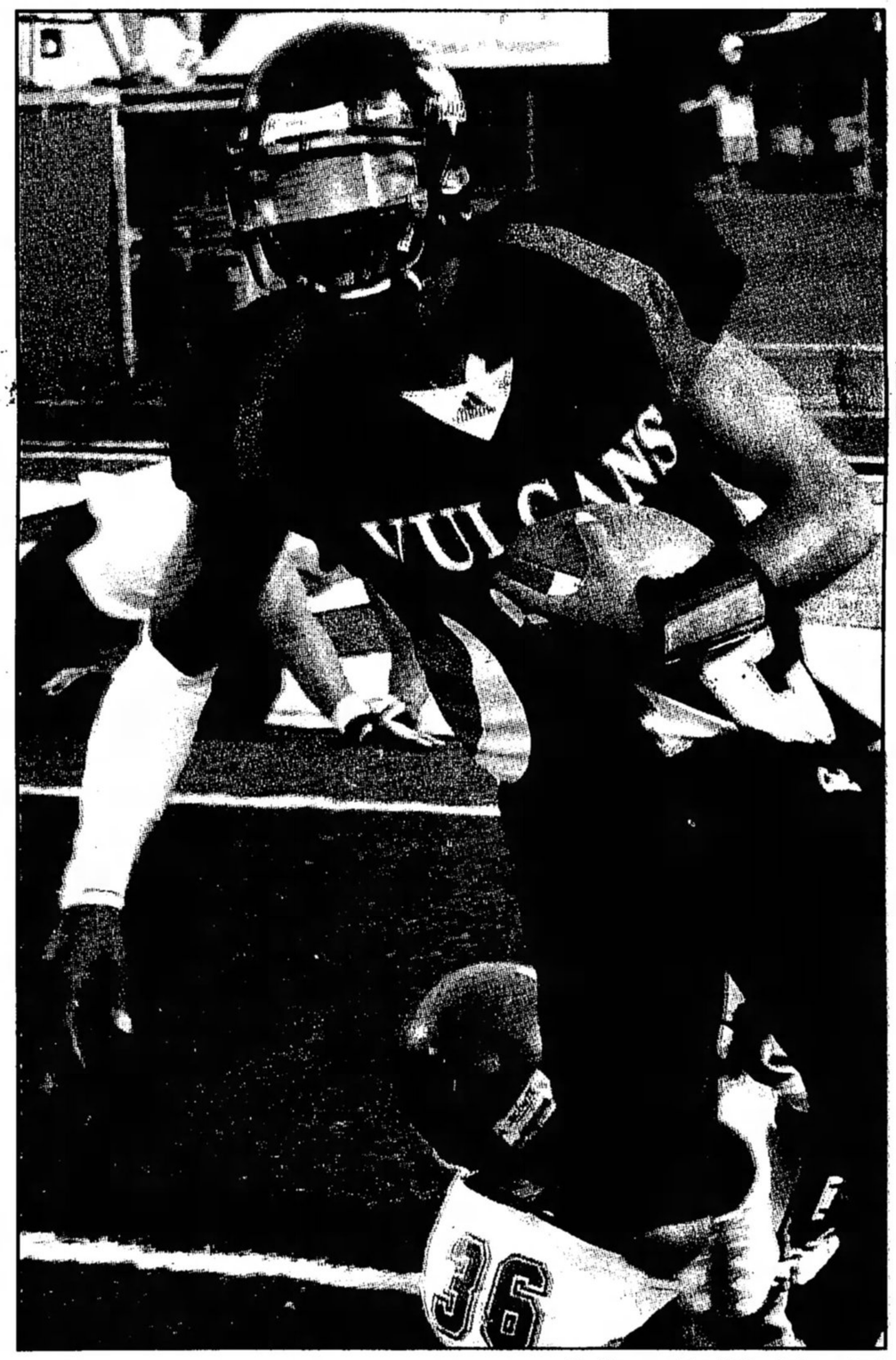
California moved to the Bloomsburg 36 on Portis' passes of 21 and 14 yards to Terrence Moore with eight seconds left, but couldn't get any closer with incompletions on the game's final two plays.

Bloomsburg's first touchdown with 4:29 to go was a gift when the Vulcans' Mike Brown fumbled a punt at the Cal seven and the Huskies' Branden Wright recovered in the end zone for an easy six points.

The only scoring in the first 55 minutes were field goals of 42 yards by Bloomsburg's Jon Koenig in the first quarter and Kevin Hagerman's 30-yarder for Cal in the third period.

The Vulcans resume Saturday at West Chester in a noon contest.

LEFTOVERS: Bacco had a game-high 88 yards on 20 carries ... Portis completed 13 of 23 passes for 144 yards, but was limited to 18 rushing yards after getting sacked twice ... Jackson had five receptions for 67 yards ... Latorre hit 12 of 22 passes for 166 yards, but finished with 10 rushing yards after getting sacked five times ... The Vulcans' Dontey Brown had a game-high 12 tackles.



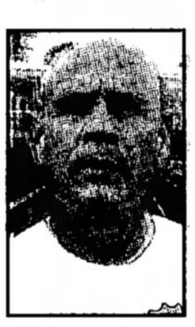
Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Cal U quarterback Josh Portis gets sacked by Bloomsburg's Anthony Smith Saturday night.

Price brought Thompson back to coaching

Long-time assistant was impressed by Ringgold's first-year coach.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent



Thompson

For the last four years, someone has been missing on the sidelines on Friday nights during football season.

That someone was Tommy Thompson, longtime line coach under Gary Dongilli at Yough and Belle Vernon Area and under Joe Fischer at Monessen.

But after a four-year hiatus, Thompson returns to the sidelines this season as the offensive and defensive line coach for Ringgold.

Even though he resides in the Ringgold School District, Thompson didn't plan on being with the Rams.

"I never thought I would coach here," Thompson said. "I missed coaching the last few years.

"I went to games and watched the teams, but I wasn't going to coach just to coach. It had to be the right fit."

How selective was Thompson in picking the right time and place to return?

During the past four years, no less than 12 coaches contacted him about coming in, and one coach contacted him each year.

So what drew him to Ringgold?

He was thoroughly impressed by new Ringgold coach Lloyd Price.

"The kid caught my attention and he will not be outworked," Thompson said. "We met three or four times and each time we met, I came away more impressed."

For those who don't know Thompson, he's not impressed easily.

"Lloyd is very organized and is a go getter," Thompson said. "I hope he is given time to build a program because he will get this program on the right track.

"He is the reason I am coaching at Ringgold."

So what caught Price's attention about Thompson?

"His reputation, background and resume speak for themselves," Price said. "For as long as I can remember, he has been known as one of the top line coaches in the area, if not the best."

Thompson has long been known to be a tough disciplinarian, but people should not confuse that with him not caring. He will bend over backward for his players.

"He cares about the kids," Price said. "But it isn't just about his coaching. It is his personality and people skills as well.

"He is a disciplinarian and motivator at the same time. The kids want to play for him."

Thompson shared a story about when he first saw Price.

"I went to a basketball game with my daughter when Lloyd played at Ringgold," Thompson said. "He was a scrappy and tough kid and I liked that about him. I still do. I like Lloyd's demeanor."

Has Thompson seen any changes after four years?

"There is a lot of young blood coaching in the area and that is needed," he said. "We have Lloyd here, (Aaron) Krepps is at Belle Vernon and Luke (Mollis) is at Charleroi. And I like our staff here. It is a good group."

Perhaps the biggest change of all is the return to the sidelines of Thompson and his patented shorts and backward hat.

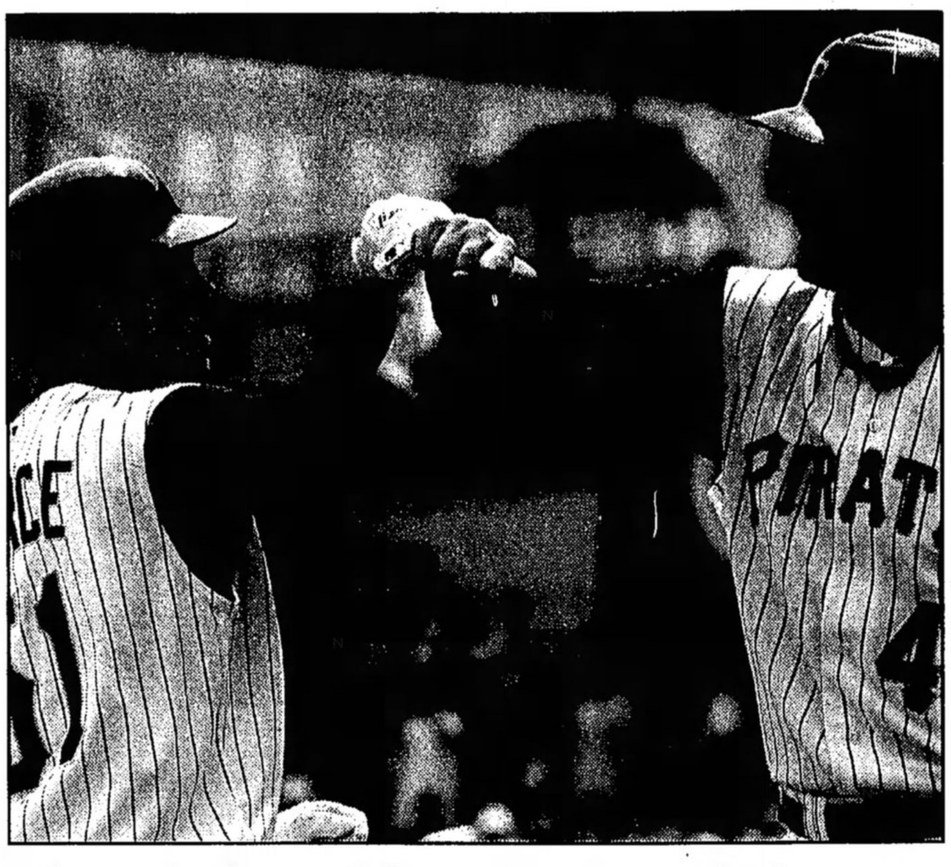
"It will take a while, but I like what we have here," Thompson said. "The staff, the players, I like where we are going."

SPORTS

New BVA Hall of Famers

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Several new members were inducted into Belle Vernon Area's Football Hall of Fame Friday night. From left are Alvin Hussar, Adam Spitznagel, Michael Sauritch, Ron Schmidt, Vance Bunardzya, Dave Fields, Dan Wassilchalk and Bill Bunardzya. Bill and Vance Bunardzya were representing their father, the late John B. Bunardzya.



Steve Pearce, left, is greeted by teammate Garrett Jones, who was on base for his two-run off Louis Cardinals pitcher Joel Pineiro in the second inning Sunday.

Associated Press

Bucs hold off record loss

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Garrett Jones hit a game-ending RBI single to cap a two-run rally in the ninth inning and the Pittsburgh Pirates avoided a record-setting loss at least for one day, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 6-5 Sunday to stop a nine-game skid.

The Pirates, who would have assured themselves of a record 17th consecutive losing season with a loss, won after falling behind 5-4 on Rick Ankiel's pinch-hit homer off Jesse Chavez (1-4) in the top of the ninth. Despite allowing the homer, Chavez gained his first victory in the majors.

No team in any of the four major American pro team sports — major league baseball, the NFL, NBA or NFL — has had 17 consecutive losing seasons.

Nadal advances at U.S. Open

Rafael Nadal

By EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Rafael Nadal encountered as much trouble from his own body as his opponent in a third-round victory at the U.S. Open.

The third-seeded Nadal, who missed Wimbledon with sore knees, needed a 10-minute injury break for a trainer to work on his abdominals early in the third set of his 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 victory over No. 32 Nicolas Almagro on Sunday.

The stomach injury first cropped up for Nadal last month at a tournament in Cincinnati.

While Nadal laid on the ground to receive treatment, Almagro was laying down to get work done on his back.

The Spaniards popped back up and Nadal finished the work, staying in the hunt to complete his career Grand Slam, though it has yet to be seen what kind of toll this match took on him.

"I feel it a little bit now, but I'll try my best to recover for the next match," said Nadal, who has insisted all week that he's been feeling fine. "I'm here to work hard and try my best all the time."

Earlier, No. 2 Serena Williams routed No. 22 Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia 6-2, 6-0, winning the final 10 games after starting the first set 2-2.

Williams has reached the quarterfinals at 11 of the past 12 major tournaments and won the title at three of the past four.

She is still seeking her first big test at Flushing Meadows.

"I just want to keep this level and just stay focused," Williams said.

In other early action Sunday, 11th-seeded Fernando Gonzalez defeated 17th-seeded Tomas Berdych, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4, and No. 9 Gilles Simon of France retired because of a knee injury while trailing No. 24 Juan Carlos Ferrero 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 1-0.

"Sometimes, I don't know why, I just feel a big pain," said Simon, who added that he's had problems with the knee since the French Open in May.

In the other early women's match, No. 18 Li Na of China ousted No. 26 Francesca Schiavone of Italy, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 3 Venus Williams had an afternoon match against unseeded Kim Clijsters, who is facing, by far, the toughest match in her first appearance at the U.S. Open since she won it in 2005.

Also later, No. 2 Andy Murray was scheduled to play 195th-ranked Taylor Dent of Newport Beach, Calif.

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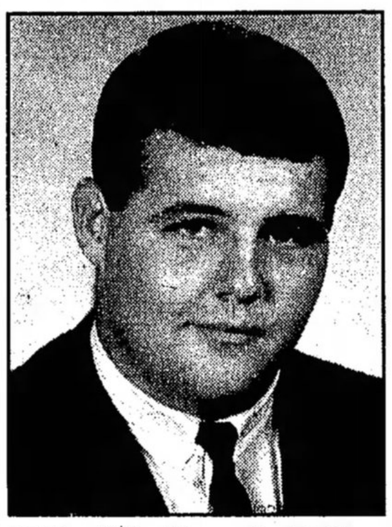

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Tennessee at Pittsburgh	Dallas at Tampa Bay
Miami at Atlanta	San Francisco at Arizona
Kansas City at Baltimore	Washington at NY Giants
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SPORTS DIGEST

Shook gets fourth ace at Nemacolin

Roy Shook of California got his fourth hole-in-one at Nemacolin Country Club when he aced the 168-yard No. 14 hole Saturday during the Dick Kluck Memorial Tournament.

Shook used an 8 iron and his playing partners were Raymond Dunlevy, Larry Hunt and George Preisendorfer.

Also getting a hole-in-one Saturday at Nemacolin was Rich Podgurski of Washington on the 14th hole.

Podgurski used a 7 iron and his playing partners were Bill Bogan, Phil Binotto and Frank Cargiene.

Cal booters split with Slippery Rock

California University's soccer teams split a PSAC doubleheader at Slippery Rock Saturday.

The No. 16 Cal men were a 1-0 loser with the No. 24 Cal women upsetting No. 8 Slippery Rock, 2-1, in overtime.

Carley Work scored an unassisted goal in the seventh minute to up Cal's overall record to 3-0 and 2-0 in the PSAC West.

Sam Regney had the other Cal goal on an assist from Kayla Klimasko.

California hosts Gannon Tuesday.

Ex-Steeler Harris claimed by Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers have claimed running back Tyrell Sutton off waivers from the Green Bay Packers and defensive tackle Ra'Shon Harris from the Pittsburgh Steelers to fill out their 53-man roster.

The moves were announced Sunday. The Panthers are expected to make a couple more moves after trimming their roster to 51 on Saturday.

The 5-foot-8 Sutton, who was among the Packers' final cuts Saturday, signed with Green Bay after going undrafted out of Northwestern. He was the school's second-leading rusher with 3,886 yards, and was second in career all-purpose yards with 5,138.

Sutton ran for 191 yards in the preseason, averaging 4.8 yards with one touchdown.

He also returned five kickoffs for a 24.4 yard average, and the Panthers could be looking at him as a punt returner, and that's an area of concern heading into the season.

Kenny Moore and Captain Munnerlyn both struggled fielding punts during the preseason.

Sutton also gives the Panthers some depth at running back if Jonathan Stewart isn't ready for the season opener. Stewart has been bothered by a sore Achilles' and hasn't practiced since Aug. 11, although he said last week he plans to be ready for Philadelphia on Sept. 13.

The 6-foot-5, 300-pound Harris was a sixth-round draft choice of the Steelers last year after a college career at Oregon. He started all 13 games for the Ducks as a senior and led interior linemen in tackles for a loss.

McCown passes physical to complete trade to Jaguars

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Quarterback Luke McCown has passed his physical with the Jacksonville Jaguars, prompting the team to cut veteran backup Todd Bouman.

The moved was announced Sunday afternoon.

Jacksonville traded an undisclosed draft pick in 2010 to Tampa Bay on Saturday night in exchange for McCown. He is 1-6 as a starter, has completed 59.7 percent of his passes, and has nine touchdown passes and 10 interceptions.

Byron Leftwich beat out McCown for Tampa Bay's starting job.

The Jaguars will head into their regular-season opener at Indianapolis next Sunday with little experience behind starter David Garrard and a backup still trying to learn the playbook.

Eagles release veteran QB Feeley

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles have released veteran quarterback A.J. Feeley.

The move leaves Michael Vick as the team's third quarterback behind Donovan McNabb and Kevin Kolb. Vick isn't eligible to play until Week 3.

The Eagles claimed rookie defensive tackle Antonio Dixon off waivers from Washington to fill the roster spot. Dixon signed as a undrafted free agent with the Redskins after four seasons at the University of Miami. He was cut Saturday.

Feeley started seven games in six seasons with the Eagles over two stints. He has thrown for 4,070 yards, 27 touchdowns and 29 interceptions in 23 career games, including eight starts with the Miami Dolphins in 2004.

Trivia answer

Pittsburgh Steelers with six.

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	77	56	.579	—
Florida	72	64	.529	6 1/2
Atlanta	70	66	.515	8 1/2
New York	61	75	.449	17 1/2
Washington	46	90	.338	32 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	81	56	.591	—
Chicago	68	66	.507	11 1/2
Houston	65	70	.481	15
Milwaukee	65	70	.481	15
Cincinnati	62	73	.459	18
Pittsburgh	53	81	.396	26 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	81	56	.591	—
Colorado	76	60	.559	4 1/2
San Francisco	75	61	.551	5 1/2
Arizona	61	76	.445	20
San Diego	60	77	.438	21

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, N.Y. Mets 3
San Francisco 3, Milwaukee 2
Florida 9, Washington 5
Houston 5, Philadelphia 4
St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings
Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 1
Colorado 4, Arizona 1
L.A. Dodgers 7, San Diego 4

Sunday's Games

Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 10-7) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 9-10), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 9-10) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
Florida (A.Sanchez 2-6) at Washington (J.Martin 3-4), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Pineiro 14-9) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 7-8), 1:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 8-8) at Houston (Norris 3-3), 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Sanchez 6-11) at Milwaukee (Looper 11-6), 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (Y.Petit 3-8) at Colorado (De La Rosa 13-9), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Stauffer 3-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 5-5), 8:10 p.m.

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 3:40 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	49	.640	—
Boston	78	57	.578	8 1/2
Tampa Bay	72	63	.533	14 1/2
Toronto	60	75	.444	26 1/2
Baltimore	55	81	.404	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	74	61	.548	—
Minnesota	68	67	.504	6
Chicago	68	69	.496	7
Cleveland	59	76	.437	15
Kansas City	51	84	.378	23

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	80	54	.597	—
Texas	76	59	.563	4 1/2
Seattle	72	65	.526	9 1/2
Oakland	60	76	.441	21

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Boston 1
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 1
Baltimore 5, Texas 4
Detroit 8, Tampa Bay 6
L.A. Angels 2, Kansas City 1, 11 innings
Oakland 9, Seattle 5

Sunday's Games

Minnesota (Blackburn 9-9) at Cleveland (D.Huff 8-7), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mitre 3-1) at Toronto (Tallet 5-9), 1:07 p.m.
Texas (Holland 7-9) at Baltimore (Guthrie 9-13), 1:35 p.m.
Detroit (E.Jackson 11-6) at Tampa Bay (W.Davis 0-0), 1:38 p.m.
Boston (Lester 11-7) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 12-8), 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (J.Saunders 11-7) at Kansas City (Hochevar 6-8), 2:10 p.m.
Seattle (Fister 2-1) at Oakland (G.Gonzalez 4-5), 4:05 p.m.

Today's Games

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Minnesota at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Boston at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Texas at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m., 2nd game

Pirates boxscore

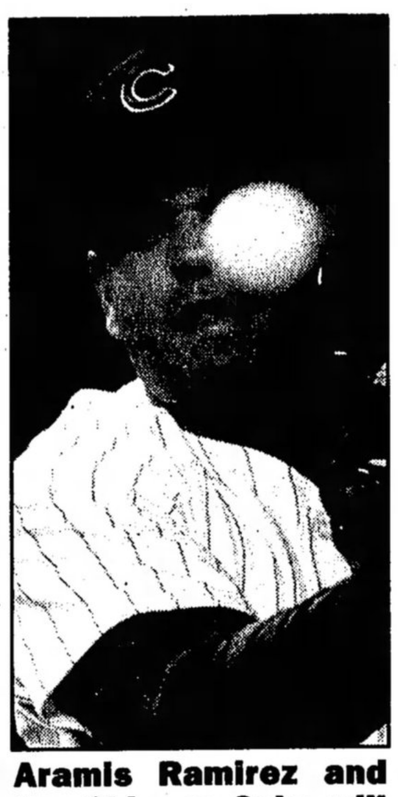
St. LOUIS	ab	r	h	bi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi
Lugo 2b-ss	4	1	1	0	AMcCt cf	5	2	2	0
BrRyan ss	3	1	1	0	RVazqz 2b	4	0	0	0
Ankiel ph-lf	1	1	1	1	Doumit ph	1	0	1	1
Pujols 1b	5	1	3	1	GJones 1b	5	1	2	1
Hollidy lf	5	0	1	0	Milledg lf	4	0	1	1
Frnkln p	0	0	0	0	Moss rf	4	1	2	0
TMiller p	0	0	0	0	NWalkr 3b	3	1	1	0
Ludwck rf	4	1	1	1	JChavz p	0	0	0	0
Glaus 3b	4	0	0	0	Cedeno ss	4	0	1	2
YMolin c	2	0	1	1	Jarmll c	4	0	3	1
Rasms cf	4	0	0	0	Mahlm p	1	0	0	0
Pineiro p	3	0	0	0	DiwYn ph	1	0	0	0
DReyes p	0	0	0	0	Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0
Motte p	0	0	0	0	AnLRc 3b	1	1	0	0
Schmkr ph-2b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**36**	**5**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**37**	**6**	**13**	**6**

St. Louis	100	120	001	— 5
Pittsburgh	100	003	002	— 6

One out when winning run scored.
E—Cedeno (3), Jaramillo (4). LOB—St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 8. 2B—Lugo (9), Br.Ryan (14), Moss (18). HR—Ankiel (11). S—Br.Ryan, Maholm.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Pineiro	6	8	4	4	1	3
D.Reyes	1	0	0	0	0	0
Motte	1	1	0	0	0	1
Franklin L,2-2	1-3	3	2	2	0	0
T.Miller	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh						
Maholm	6	6	4	4	1	7
Hanrahan	2	0	0	0	2	2
J.Chavez W,1-4	1	3	1	1	0	1

T.Miller pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
HBP—by Maholm (Ludwick).
Umpires—Home, Angel Hernandez; First, Randy Marsh; Second, Lance Barksdale; Third, Marvin Hudson.
T—2:55. A—19,274 (38,362).



Aramis Ramirez and the Chicago Cubs will face the Pirates at 12:30 p.m. on WGN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

11 a.m. - U.S. Open, tennis.
11:30 a.m.- Fox Sports - Bingham (Utah) vs Euless Trinity (Texas), high school football.
12:30 p.m. - KDKA - U.S. Open, tennis.
12:30 p.m. - WGN - Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, baseball.
2 p.m. - WPXI - Deutschke Bank Championship, golf.
2:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Colleyville Heritage (Texas) vs Irvin MacArthur (Texas), high school football.
4 p.m. - ESPN - Cincinnati at Rutgers, college football.
5:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Mansfield Summit (Texas) vs Mansfield Timberview (Texas), high school football.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - U.S. Open, tennis.
8 p.m. - ESPN - Miami at Florida State, college football.
8:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Klein Oak (Texas) vs Notre Dame Prep (California), high school football.

Radio

12:30 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, baseball.

High school football standings

Class AAA

Big Seven Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	0	0	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	0	0	1	0
Thomas Jefferson	0	0	1	0
West Mifflin	0	0	1	0
Chartiers Valley	0	0	1	0
Ringgold	0	0	0	1
Trinity	0	0	0	1

Friday

Ringgold at Albert Gallatin
Belle Vernon Area at Southmoreland
Uniontown at Thomas Jefferson
Laurel Highlands at Elizabeth Forward
Chartier Valley at Yough
Trinity at Greensburg Salem
Derry at West Mifflin

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Albert Gallatin	0	0	1	0
Uniontown	0	0	1	0
Greensburg Salem	0	0	0	1
Yough	0	0	0	1
Derry	0	0	0	1
Laurel Highlands	0	0	0	1
Southmoreland	0	0	0	1

Friday

Chartiers Valley at Yough
Ringgold at Albert Gallatin
Belle Vernon Area at Southmoeland
Laurel Highlands at Elizabeth Forward
Derry at West Mifflin
Uniontown at Thomas Jefferson
Trinity at Greensburg Salem

Class AA

Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Brownsville	1	0	1	0
Greensburg Central	1	0	1	0
Jeannette	1	0	1	0
Mt. Pleasant	1	0	1	0
Washington	1	0	1	0
Charleroi	0	1	0	1
East Allegheny	0	1	0	1
McGuffey	0	1	0	1
South Allegheny	0	1	0	1
Waynesburg	0	1	0	1

Friday

East Allegheny at Charleroi
Brownsville at Jeannette
Mt. Pleasant at Washington
Waynesbur at South Allegheny
Greensburg Central at McGuffey

Class A

Tri-County South

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
California	0	0	1	0
Jefferson-Morgan	0	0	1	0
Monessen	0	0	0	1
Carmichaels	0	0	0	1
West Greene	0	0	0	1
Mapletown	0	0	0	1
Geibel	0	0	0	1

Friday

Monessen at Clairton
Geibel at Bentworth
California at Serra
Chartiers-Houston at Carmichaels
Avella at Jefferson-Morgan
West Greene at Fort Cherry
Burgettstown at Beth-Center
Frazier at Mapletown

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Bentworth	0	0	1	0
Fort Cherry	0	0	1	0
Chartiers-Houston	0	0	1	0
Serra	0	0	1	0
Avella	0	0	1	0
Frazier	0	0	0	1
Clairton	0	0	0	1
Burgettstown	0	0	0	1

Friday

Monessen at Clairton
Frazier at Mapletown
Burgettstown at Beth-Center
California at Serra
Geibel at Bentworth
Chartiers-Houston at Carmichaels
Geibel at Bentworth

Cal U summary

Bloomsburg	0	3	0	14	- 17
California	0	0	3	7	- 10

Bloomsburg - FG, Koenig (42).
California - FG, Hagerman (30)
Bloomsburg - Wright (0, yard fumble recovry) Koenig (kick)
California - Jackson (18, pass from Portis) Hagerman (kick)
Bloomsburg - Stiger (4, pas from Laorre) Koenig (kick)

Team statistics

	Bl	Cal
First downs	12	15
Yds rushing	104	106
Yds passing	166	144
Passes	12-22-0	13-23-1
Fumbles, lost	1-0	1-1
Punts	7-37	6-41
Penalties, yds	5-46	6-40

Individual statistics

Rushing

California - Bacco, 20 for 88 yds; Portis, 9 for 18 yds; Anderson, 2 for 8 yds; Wilson, 1 for 4 yds; Conwell, 1 for 1 yd.
Bloomsburg - Domzalski, 15 for 68 yds; Real, 8 for 19 yds; Latorre, 10 for 10 yds; Adams, 3 for 9 yds.

Passing

California - Portis, 13 of 23 for 144 yds, 1 td, 1 int.
Bloomsburg - Latorre, 12 of 22 for 166 yds, 1 td.

Pass receiving

California - Jackson, 5 for 67 yds, 1 td; Moore, 4 for 42 yds; Cherry, 3 for 33 yds; Welc, 1 for 2 yds.
Bloomsburg - Weaber, 5 for 37 yds; Weisman, 3 for 51 yds; Stiger, 2 for 16 yds; Tressler, 1 for 47 yds; Manni, 1 for 15 yds.

Major college football scores

EAST

Boston College 54, Northeastern 0
Bryant 19, S. Connecticut 10
Cent. Connecticut St. 28, Lehigh 21
Colgate 35, Monmouth, N.J. 23
Duquesne 24, Bucknell 19
Hofstra 17, Stony Brook 10
Holy Cross 20, Georgetown, D.C. 7
Marist 31, Sacred Heart 12
Minnesota 23, Syracuse 20, OT
New Hampshire 24, St. Francis, Pa. 14
Penn St. 31, Akron 7
Pittsburgh 38, Youngstown St. 3
Rhode Island 41, Fordham 28
Stonehill 45, Wagner 42
West Virginia 33, Liberty 20

SOUTH

Alabama 34, Virginia Tech 24
Alabama A&M 24, Tennessee St. 7
Auburn 37, Louisiana Tech 13
Austin Peay 34, Newberry 23
Baylor 24, Wake Forest 21
Campbell 48, Methodist 28
Clemson 37, Middle Tennessee 14
East Carolina 29, Appalachian St. 24
Elon 56, Davidson 0
Florida 62, Charleston Southern 3
Florida A&M 21, Delaware St. 12
Furman 45, Presbyterian 21
Gardner-Webb 58, Mars Hill 14
Georgia Southern 29, Albany, N.Y. 26
Georgia Tech 37, Jacksonville St. 17
Hampton 31, N.C. Central 24
Jacksonville 40, Webber International 24
Louisiana-Lafayette 42, Southern U. 19
Louisville 30, Indiana St. 10
Marshall 31, S. Illinois 28
McNeese St. 27, Henderson St. 24
Mississippi St. 45, Jackson St. 7
Morehead St. 61, S. Virginia 10
N. Carolina A&T 19, Winston-Salem 10
Norfolk St. 28, Virginia St. 10
North Carolina 40, The Citadel 6
Old Dominion 36, Chowan 21
Richmond 24, Duke 16
SE Louisiana 41, Texas A&M Commerce 7
Savannah St. 34, Livingstone 12
Shaw 20, Bethune-Cookman 6
South Florida 40, Wofford 7
Southern Miss. 52, Alcorn St. 0
Tennessee 63, W. Kentucky 7
UAB 44, Rice 24
UCF 28, Samford 24
VMI 14, Robert Morris 13
Vanderbilt 45, W. Carolina 0
William & Mary 26, Virginia 14

MIDWEST

Army 27, E. Michigan 14
Butler 42, Albion 3
Connecticut 23, Ohio 16
Drake 22, Grand View 0
Iowa 17, N. Iowa 16
Kansas 49, N. Colorado 3
Kansas St. 21, Massachusetts 17
Kentucky 42, Miami (Ohio) 0
Michigan 31, W. Michigan 7
Michigan St. 44, Montana St. 3
Missouri 37, Illinois 9
Nebraska 49, Florida Atlantic 3
Northwestern 47, Towson 14
Notre Dame 35, Nevada 0
Ohio St. 31, Navy 27
Purdue 52, Toledo 31
St. Joseph's, Ind. 31, Valparaiso 6
Wisconsin 28, N. Illinois 20

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Monticello 27, Ark.-Pine Bluff 3
Arkansas 48, Missouri St. 10
Arkansas St. 61, MVSU 0
BYU 14, Oklahoma 13
Buffalo 23, UTEP 17
Houston 55, Northwestern St. 7
Oklahoma St. 24, Georgia 10
Prairie View 17, Texas Southern 7
SMU 31, Stephen F.Austin 23
Texas 59, Louisiana-Monroe 20
Texas A&M 41, New Mexico 6
Texas St. 48, Angelo St. 28
Texas Tech 38, North Dakota 13

FAR WEST

Air Force 72, Nicholls St. 0
Arizona 19, Cent. Michigan 6
Arizona St. 50, Idaho St. 3
California 52, Maryland 13
E. Washington 35, W. Oregon 14
Fresno St. 51, UC Davis 0
Idaho 21, New Mexico St. 6
LSU 31, Washington 23
Montana 38, Western St.,Colo. 0
Oregon St. 34, Portland St. 7
San Diego 24, Azusa Pacific 12
Southern Cal 56, San Jose St. 3
Stanford 39, Washington St. 13
UCLA 33, San Diego St. 14
UNLV 38, Sacramento St. 3
Wyoming 29, Weber St. 22

Soccer card

Scholastic
Tuesday
Boys
Class AAA
Section 3

Thomas Jefferson at Belle Vernon Area
Southmoreland at Elizabeth Forward
Steel Valley at Yough
Uniontown at South Park

Class A
Section 1

California at Brownsville
South Allegheny at Geibel
Trinity Christian at Greensburg Central
Winchester Thurston at Serra

Section 4

Monessen at Brentwood
Carlynton at Bentworth
Beth-Center at Chartiers-Houston

Girls
Exhibition

Ringgold at Thomas Jefferson

NFL schedule

Thursday's Games

Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Houston, 1 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Denver at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

Buffalo at New England, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 10:15 p.m.

Frontier League standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kalamazoo	57	38	.600	—
Lake Erie	56	38	.596	1/2
Florence	49	46	.516	8
Traverse City	42	52	.447	14 1/2
Washington	42	53	.442	15
Midwest	42	53	.442	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
River City	56	37	.602	—
Southern Illinois	55	40	.579	2
Windy City	55	40	.579	2
Rockford	44	49	.473	12
Gateway	40	54	.426	16 1/2
Evansville	28	66	.298	28 1/2

Sunday's Games

Kalamazoo at Traverse City
Midwest at Lake Erie
Florence at Washington
Windy City at Rockford
River City at Southern Illinois
Gateway at Evansville, rained out

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	10	4	9	39	34	25
Chicago	10	6	8	38	33	28
New England	9	6	6	33	26	26
D.C. United	7	5	11	32	35	34
Toronto FC	8	8	7	31	30	33
Kansas City	5	10	6	21	20	29
New York	4	16	4	16	20	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	11	7	7	40	31	22
Los Angeles	9	4	11	38	28	23
Seattle FC	8	6	10	34	29	23
Colorado	9	7	6	33	35	27
Real SaltLake	9	9	6	33	35	27
Chivas USA	10	9	3	33	23	24
FC Dallas	6	11	5	23	31	35
San Jose	5	12	5	20	27	40

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Kansas City at D.C. United, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Colorado at Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
FC Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 13

New England at Chivas USA, 3 p.m.
Houston at Columbus, 5 p.m.

WNBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	20	10	.667	—
Atlanta	17	15	.531	4
Detroit	15	15	.500	5
Chicago	15	16	.484	5 1/2
Washington	15	16	.484	5 1/2
Connecticut	15	17	.469	6
New York	12	19	.387	8 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	22	10	.688	—
Seattle	19	13	.594	3
Los Angeles	15	16	.484	6 1/2
San Antonio	14	17	.452	7 1/2
Minnesota	13	18	.419	8 1/2
Sacramento	11	21	.344	11

Sunday's Games

Washington at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 6 p.m.

Today's Games

No games scheduled

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Monessen High's football team featured four sets of brothers: Len and Tom Billy, Joe and Mike Billy, Bud and Dave Furmanchik and Tony and Bill Johnson.

20 Years Ago

Lori Metz and Kristen Pivovarnik scored goals in Charleroi's 2-0 win over Trinity in a Section 5 opener.

Ringgold blanked Canon-McMillan, 3-0, in a Section 5 opener with Michelle Fischer scoring the first two goals and Kristy Mares adding the other.

Defenseman Zarley Zalapski, the Pittsburgh Penguins' No. 1 draft pick in 1986, signed a multiyear contract with the team.

10 Years Ago

Colorado Rockies manager Jim Leyland confirmed he was retiring at the end of the season.

Sports moves

FOOTBALL
National Football Leaguel

ATLANTA FALCONS—Released WR Robert Ferguson, QB D.J. Shockley, DT Vance Walker, WR Aaron Kelly, WR Troy Bergeron, OL Jose Valdez, OL Michael Butterworth, LB Jamie Winborn, LB Robert James, DE Maurice Lucas, CB William Middleton and TE Jason Rader.

BUFFALO BILLS—Released RB Dominic Rhodes, OL Kirk Chambers, LB Alvin Bowen, DL Copeland Bryan, DL Ataefiok Etukeren, DL Derrick Jones, DL Corey Mace, WR C.J. Hawthorne, WR Felton Huggins, TE Tyson DeVree, TE Jonathan Stupar, OL Christian Gaddis, OL Nick Hennessey, QB Matt Baker, RB Bruce Hall and LB Ryan Manalac. Placed WR James Hardy on the reserve/physically-unable-to-perform list. Placed OL Brandon Rodd on the waived/injured list. Placed LB John DiGiorgio on the waived/failed physical list.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed DT Corvey Irvin on injured reserve. Released OL Justin Geisinger and S Kevin Kaesviharn. Waived WR Larry Beavers, RB DeCori Birmingham, DL Casper Brinkley, OL Patrick Brown, QB Hunter Cantwell, WR Jason Chery, S Paul Chiara, DB D.J. Clark, TE Andrew Davie, DT Marlon Favorite, DB Joe Fields, OL Keith Gray, LB Anthony Heygood, DT George Hypolite, LB Mortty Ivy, RB Jamall Lee, LB Jeremy Leman, WR Kevin McMahan, WR Marcus Monk; OL Jonathan Palmer and LB Kelvin Smith.

CHICAGO BEARS—Activated CB Charles Tillman from the physically-unable-to-perform list. Waived WR Brandon Rideau, QB Brett Basanez, G Dan Buenning, LB Darrell McClover. Terminated the contract of CB Rod Hood. Placed RB Kevin Jones, S Dahna Deleston and DE Henry Meltonon injured reserve.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed WR Antonio Chatman on injured reserve. Terminated the contracts of LB Darryl Blackstock, LB Jim Maxwell and DT Langston Moore. Waived S Marvin White, G Andrew Crummey, S Corey Lynch, G Jason Shirley, DE Chris Harrington, RB James Johnson, TE Kolomona Kapanui, WR Maurice Purify, WR Freddie Brown, TE Darius Hill, DT Ventrell Jenkins, DT Clinton McDonald, CB Rico Murray, OT Augustus Parrish, FB Chris Pressley, LB Dan Skuta, K Sam Swank, and FB Fui Vakapuna.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived FB Charles Ali, DB Brandon Anderson, QB Richard Bartel, DB Tra Battle, LB Beau Bell, OL Branndon Braxton, LB Titus Brown, OL Dustin Fry, DL Adam Hoppel, WR Paul Hubbard, RB Chris Jennings, WR Lance Leggett, OL Pat Murray, WR Jordan Norwood, OL Kurt Quarterman, DL Brian Schaefering, OL Isaac Sowells and DL Santonio Thomas. Terminated the contract of DB Hamza Abdullah, RB Noah Herron, DB Corey Ivy, WR David Patten and TE Aaron Walker. Placed DL Melila Purcell on the waived-injured list.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Released PR Jesse Holley, WR Isaiah Stanback, QB Rudy Carpenter, S DeAngelo Smith, CB Mike Mickens, WR Manny Johnson, RB Keon Lattimore, FB Asaph Schwapp, WR Mike Jefferson, WR Willie Reed, OL Travis Bright, OL Ryan Gibbons, DL Marcus Dixon, DL Jonas Seawright, DL Dereck Robinson, LB Tearrius George, LB Matt Stewart, CB Jeremy Haynes and CB DeAngelo Willingham. Placed LB Stephen Hodge on injured reserve.

DETROIT LIONS—Waived QB Brooks Bollinger, G Milford Brown, OT Lydon Murtha, C Dan Gerberry, TE Carson Butler, TE Dan Gronkowski, RB Aveion Cason, RB Tristan Davis, WR Keary Colbert, WR Dane Looker, WR John Standeford, LB Rufus Alexander, LB Spenser Smith, LB Zack Follett, DT Shaun Smith, DT Chuck Darby, DE Sean Conover, DB Calvin Lowry, DB Ramzee Robinson, DB Stuart Schweigert and K Billy Cundiff.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Traded OL Tony Moll to Baltimore for DB Derrick Martin. Waived QB Brian Brohm, WR Ruvell Martin, RB Tyrell Sutton, WR Jake Allen, CB Trevor Ford, G-T Andrew Hartline, WR Kole Heckendorf, LB Danny Lansanah, RB Kregg Lumpkin, DE Alfred Malone, T Jamon Meredith, NT Dean Muhtadi, LB Cyril Obiozor, CB Joe Porter, T Dane Randolph, S Anthony Smith, DE Ronald Talley and NT Anthony Toribio. Placed DE Justin

HOUSTON TEXANS—Released QB Alex Brink, CB Deltha O'Neal, CB Matterral Richardson, CB Mark Parson, S Brandon Harrison, C Clark Harris, WR Darnell Jenkins, WR Mark Simmons, RB Arian Foster, FB Jonathan Evans, T Adam Stenavich, T Brandon Torrey, T Cliff Washburn, C Brett Helms, LB Khary Campbell and LB Buster Davis.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived RB Lance Ball, RB Mike Hart, RB Walter Mendenhall, WR Sam Giguere, WR John Matthews, WR Brett McDermott, WR Taj Smith, DT John Gill, DT Adrian Grady, DT Terrance Taylor, DE Marcus Howard, DE Josh Thomas, OT Jaimie Thomas, OT Michael Toudouze, G Tom Pestock, C Steve Justice, DB Dante Hughes and LB Michael Tauiliili. Placed DB Nick Graham, DB Travis Key and TE Jamie Petrowski on the waived-injured list.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Wiaved LB Zach Thomas and S Bernard Pollard. Placed G Colin Brown on injured reserve.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Placed LB Matt Roth on the reserve/non-football injury list. Waived S Courtney Bryan, OT Brandon Frye, LB William Kershaw, WR Brandon London, DE Rodrique Wright and CB Joey Thomas, DE Ryan Baker, CB Will Billingsley, LB J.D. Folsom, OL Nate Garner, OL Mark Lewis and WR James Robinson.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Waived QB John David Booty, CB Marcus McCauley, RB Ian Johnson, DE Otis Grigsby, FB Nehemiah Broughton, TE Garrett Mills, TE Jake Nordin, DB Colt Anderson, DB Marcus Walker, WR Nick Moore, WR Vinny Perretta, WR Bobby Williams, DL Antoine Holmes, DL Martail Burnett, DL Tremaine Johnson, OL Chris Clark, OL Brian Daniels, OL Juan Garcia, OL Drew Radovich, OL Andy Kemp, S De'von Hall and LB David Herron.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Waived S Ray Ventrone, DL Titus Adams, DL Darryl Richard, OL Ryan O'Callaghan, OL Wesley Britt, DB Herana-Daze Jones, DB Jamar Love, TE Alex Smith, WR Terrence Nunn and LB Paris Lenon. Acquiring TE Michael Matthews from the N.Y. Giants for a conditional draft pick.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Acquired TE David Thomas from New England for a 2011 seventh-round draft pick.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Waived WR David Tyree, QB Andre' Woodson, QB Rhett Bomar, RB Allen Patrick, FB Dwayne Wright, OL Terrence Pennington, OL Orrin Thompson, OL Cliff Louis, WR Shaun Bodiford, DL Maurice Evans, DL Tommie Hill, DL Robert Henderson, DL Anthony Bryant, LB Kenny Ingram, CB DeAndre Wright, S Travonti Johnson, S Vince Anderson and S Sha'reff Rashad. Placed LB Michael Boley on the reserve-non injury list. Placed DT Jay Alford on injured reserve. Placed DT Jeremy Clark on the waived-injured list.

NEW YORK JETS—Released FB Jehuu Caulcrick, LB Kenwin Cummings, TE Kevin Brock, TE Kareem Brown, TE Jack Simmons, WR Marcus Henry, OL Stanley Daniels, CB Rashad Barksdale, FB Brock Christopher, S Emanuel Cook, WR Britt Davis, K Parker Douglass, RB Anthony Kimble, DL Matt Kroul, DL Ty Steinkuhler, OT Nevin McCaskill, OT Ryan McKee, C Michael Parenton and DE Zach Potter. Placed WR Aundrae Allison on injured reserve. Placed LB Calvin Pace and DE Shaun Ellison the reserve-suspended list.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Waived QB Jeff Garcia, KR Justin Miller, DT Terdell Sands, S Jerome Boyd, CB Darrick Brown, DE Greyson Gunheim, WR Jonathan Holland, OT Seth Wand, OT James Marten, LB Slade Norris, LB David Nixon, LB Morlon Greenwood, LB Chris O'Neill, FB Marcel Reece, RB Gary Russell, P Ricky Schmitt, TE Darrell Strong, G Mark Wilson and DT Ryan Boschetti. Placed C John Wade, CB Michael Hawkins and S Rashad Baker on the waived/injured list.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Placed QB Michael Vick on the exempt/commissioner's permission list. Waived DT Dan Klecko, TE Matt Schobel, FB Kyle Eckel, LB Tank Daniels, LB Matt Wilhem, CB Trae Williams, RB Lorenzo Booker, DE Bryan Smith, CB Jack Ikegwuono, G Mike Gibson, DT Josh Gaines, S Rashard Langford, WR Danny Amendola, C Dallas Reynolds, G Paul Fanaika, TE Rob Myers and FB Marcus Mailei. Placed OT Fenuki Tupou on injured reserve.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Released RB Isaac Redman, QB Mike Reilly, RB Carey Davis, RB Justin Vincent, WR Dallas Baker, WR Tyler Grisham, WR Brandon Williams, TE Dezmond Sherrod, OL Jason Capizzi, OL Jeremy Parquet, OL A.Q. Shipley, DL Sonny Harris, DL Steve McClendon, DL Scott Paxson, LB Bruce Davis, LB Tom Korte, LB Andy Schantz, LB Donovan Woods, DB Roy Lewis, DB Anthony Madison and K Piotr Czech. Placed TE Sean McHugh injured reserve.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Placed DT Adam Carriker and DE Eric Moore on injured reserve. Waived RB Antonio Pittman, RB Chris Ogbonnaya, QB Brock Berlin, G Roy Schuening, LB K.C. Asiodu, LB Dominic Douglas, DT Antwon Burton, TE Eric Butler, DE Ian Campbell, OT Renardo Foster, OT Phil Trautwein, FB Jerome Johnson, C Tim Mattran, CB Cord Parks, S Mark Rubin and WR Sean Walker. Terminated the contracts of S Todd Johnson, WR Tim Carter and WR Ronald Curry.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Released CB Eric Green, WR Dominique Zeigler, RB Kory Sheets, TE Bear Pascoe, TE Joe Jon Finley, T Jacob Bender, T Alex Boone, WR Dobson Collins, WR Maurice Price, DE Pannel Egboh, CB Terrail Lambert, G Kyle Howard, FB Brit Miller, FB Bill Rentmeester, DT

SPORTS

Ron Paglia/For The Valley Independent

A commemorative poster honoring Charleroi High School's 1959 WPIAL Class AA championship football team was created by Mark Joswick and his daughters, Ashley and Courtney, both graphic designers, of Montclair, Va. Displaying one of the posters are, from left, Joswick, a 1970 CHS graduate and a retired educator; Joe Barcelona, an assistant coach in 1959, and Dennis Harger, starting center on the '59 title team.

Remembering Charleroi's 1959 championship team

Gridders will be honored at a special ceremony Friday.

By RON PAGLIA
For The Valley Independent

Players, coaches, an equipment custodian and student managers will share the spotlight Friday when Charleroi High School's 1959 WPIAL Class AA football championship team is honored in ceremonies at Cougar Stadium.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. and will precede the Cougars' home opener against South Allegheny.

The honorees are:

PLAYERS

■ Seniors – Mickey Bitsko, Myron Boncarosky, Jim Buchanan, Dale Cosgrove, Frank DeStefon, Pete Goimarac, Dennis Harger, Bob Hodgson, Gary Hogan, Bill Johnson, Bob King, Milan Kostich, Jerry Moffit, William Raisbeck, Bob Sink, Rob Stevenson, Paul Strelick, Tom Woolslayer and Wayne Zanardelli.

■ Juniors – Bob Abbott, Frank Chew, Cliff Daugherty, Ron Hughes, Ken Laskey, Hugh McBurnie, Ken Treater and Joe Villella.

■ Sophomores – Dave Able, Jim Cooper, Terry Gregory, Terry Hancock, Chuck Hart, Dave Jones, Tom Kirby, Alan Miller, Linsey Sargent, Rick Smith, and Steve Zuraw.

COACHES

Head coach R. James "Rab" Currie, assistants Joe Barcelona, Frank DeCoster, Frank Lee and equipment custodian Jim "Doodles" Protin.

STUDENT MANAGERS

Jim Currie, Joe DeStefon and Pete Kalamaras.

Goimarac, Johnson, Kostich, Woolslayer, Laskey, McBurnie, Zuraw, Rab Currie, DeCoster and Lee are deceased.

In addition to the program at the stadium, a post-game gathering will be held at the River House Cafe in downtown Charleroi. A brunch will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Charleroi Area High School.

Also highlighting the 7 p.m. ceremonies preceding Charleroi Area's home opener against South Allegheny will be the induction of six men into the CAHS All-Sports Hall of Fame. They are legendary coach Steven Stepanian and athletes Art Artis, '59; John Verkleeren, M.D., '62; Philip Hughes, '71; Kevin Lee, '84, and Gary Pipik, '84.

Charleroi Area athletic director Bill Wiltz has directed planning for the Class of '59 reunion and the Hall of Fame inductions. Special appreciation also has been extended to the following:

■ Lee Supply Company (Mike and Dave Lee) for a donation for printing commemorative posters honoring the 1959 team.

■ Mark Joswick and his daughters, Ashley and Courtney Joswick, for designing the commemorative posters, patch and shirt design and the cost of producing the patches. The 50th anniversary patches will be worn by this year's team on its home game jerseys.

■ Stan Milchovich for research of classmates' names and contact information, and game film conversion.

■ Dennis "Red" Harger for research and archives material for the poster.

■ Jeannette Martino for archives photos taken by her late husband, Joseph "Peppy" Martino, and used on the Joswick poster.

■ Tom "Jenks" Jenkins for research.

■ Brian Herman and Bruce Wald for publicity.

■ Charleroi Area School District's administration, board of education and staff for overall support of the project.

Sooners shocked by loss, injury to Bradford

QB's status uncertain after suffering sprained shoulder.

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Coming off a trip to the national title game, and having Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford back under center, Oklahoma had grand expectations this season.

One jarring hit might've changed everything for the Sooners — and BYU.

Bradford sprained his throwing shoulder in the closing seconds of the first half. A mediocre performance by his backup, a questionable decision by coach Bob Stoops and a late meltdown by OU's defense let Max Hall and the 20th-ranked Cougars pull out a 14-13 victory Saturday night in the first college football game at Cowboys Stadium.

The severity of Bradford's injury won't be known for days. But there's no doubt this dents his bid to repeat as the Heisman winner and it throws Oklahoma's championship hopes for a loop.

"This loss hurts," Sooners offensive lineman Brian Simmons said. "But the last two or three years, the national champion has had one loss. There's still a chance for us to accomplish our goals."

For Hall and BYU, this victory could be a springboard for their most memorable season in decades. It turns them into a top candidate to be the latest BCS busters from the Mountain West and it should shove Hall to the fringe of the Heisman discussion.

"Where it's going to rank and all that, I'm not certain, but I know there are a lot of people who are going to benefit from the way these kids played today," Cougars coach Bronco Mendenhall said.

Hall was 26 of 38 for 329 yards and two touchdowns, with two interceptions and four sacks. What matters most is that when he had a chance to win it, he pulled off a 16-play, 78-yard drive, converting on a fourth-and-4 and throwing for a 7-yard touchdown to a wide-open McKay Jacobson in the back of the end zone with 3:03 left in the fourth to put BYU ahead for good.

"Unbelievable," said Hall, a nephew of former Cowboys quarterback Danny White. "For us to come out and pull off a win is a special night. I'll never forget it."

Neither will Sooners fans.

They'll wonder if an offensive line featuring four new starters was to blame for BYU linebacker Coleby Clawson plowing into Bradford with a hard, clean hit that left them both landing on Bradford's shoulder.

And they'll wonder whether Stoops played it safe when — as it turns out — they needed him to get a little risky.

It was midway through the fourth quarter with Oklahoma leading 10-7 and backup quarterback Landry Jones had just gotten stuffed on third-and-goal from the 1. Stoops let Jones go for it on fourth down, but the redshirt freshman failed to get the snap off in time. The penalty pushed OU back to the 6, so Stoops opted for the field goal and a 13-7 lead, knowing a touchdown would put them behind.

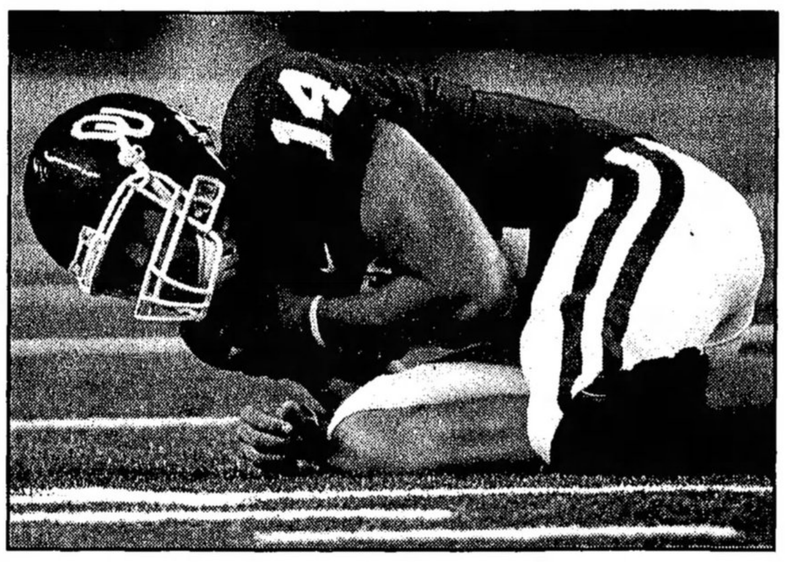
"I did (think about going for it)," Stoops said. "That's on us as coaches."

After BYU's go-ahead score, the Sooners still had a chance to win.

Jones got them to the Cougars' 32, then they were pushed back by a false start penalty on new right tackle Cory Brandon. It was his fifth penalty and the ninth of the game for the OU line, although two were declined.

Oklahoma was stuck with fourth-and-14 from the 37, with 1:23 left. Rather than ask Jones to turn that into a first down, Stoops asked punter Tress Way to try a 54-yard field goal because he'd seen the freshman bang it through from 53 in warmups.

The kick died in the end zone.



Associated Press

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford lays on the ground after his injury in the first half of Saturday's loss to Brigham Young.

> "This loss hurts. But the last two or three years, the national champion has had one loss. There's still a chance for us to accomplish our goals."
>
> Sooners offensive lineman Brian Simmons

"I felt comfortable going out there in the second half," said Jones, who was 6 of 12 for 51 yards. "I thought we had a chance to win the game. We just came up short."

Although this nearly $1.2 billion stadium was supposedly a neutral site, the Sooners enjoyed a huge home-field advantage.

The vast majority of the crowd of 75,437 were wearing OU's crimson and made themselves heard by hollering "home of the SOONERS" at the end of the national anthem. They roared in the second quarter when former football coach Barry Switzer and current men's basketball coach Jeff Capel were shown sitting together, but didn't have much to cheer after that.

Actually, the Sooners never really got into a groove, even with Bradford.

He finished 10 of 14 for 96 yards and a touchdown. On the play before he was hurt, Bradford threw his longest completion of the game, an 18-yarder to Brandon Caleb. It also gave Bradford 7,937 yards passing for his career, breaking the school record held by another OU Heisman winner, Jason White.

Associated Press

New England defensive tackle Richard Seymour (93) breaks through a block during a 2007 game with the Miami Dolphins.

NFL roundup

Seymour dealt to Oakland

Patriots get 2011 first-round pick for defensive lineman.

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Five-time Pro Bowl defensive lineman Richard Seymour has been traded from the New England Patriots to the Oakland Raiders, giving the rebuilding franchise a veteran stalwart up front.

Seymour is in the final year of a contract paying him $3.7 million this season. In return, the Patriots received a first-round draft choice in 2011.

"From nearly the day he arrived in 2001, Richard Seymour established himself as one of our premier players for nearly a decade," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Sunday. "His presence has been felt as a force on the field, a respected man off it and a multiyear champion."

The 29-year-old Seymour was drafted by the Patriots sixth overall in 2011, and started 105 of 111 games over eight seasons. He made 460 tackles and 39 sacks, and in 2002 was selected to the first of five consecutive Pro Bowls.

His trade to the Raiders was first reported by ESPN.

The move is only the latest as the Patriots continue to get younger on defense. Linebacker Mike Vrabel was traded to Kansas City in the offseason, safety Rodney Harrison announced his retirement, and more recently Tedy Bruschi officially called it a career after 13 seasons.

"Any transaction we make is with the goal of what is best for our team and, as difficult as it is to part ways with a player of Richard's stature, many factors were taken into account when we considered this trade," Belichick said.

"As an organization, we feel the trade with Oakland brings sufficient value and is in the long-term interest of the club," he added. "We are extremely grateful for the huge impact Richard's elite level of performance had on our success and we wish him the very best during the rest of his career."

The Patriots, who went 3-1 in the preseason, begin the regular season Sept. 14 against the Buffalo Bills at Gillette Stadium.

The addition of rookies Myron Pryor and Ron Brace to a defensive line that also includes veterans Vince Wilfork, Ty Warren, Jarvis Green and Mike Wright made Seymour expendable.

"It's the nature of the business," said veteran running back Kevin Faulk, the longest-serving player on the team after Bruschi's departure. "They have an agenda upstairs, and the coaches decide who comes and goes. You can't do nothing about it."

Faulk said the team will miss the way Seymour carried himself as a person and a player.

"He was a quiet leader," second-year linebacker Jerod Mayo said. "He led by his actions. He'll be dearly missed as a teammate and as a player on the field. But we have players that are ready to step up."

When asked if the Pats might be better without Seymour, Mayo said: "Ask me after Game 1."

Chargers' Merriman arrested

SAN DIEGO (AP) — San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman was arrested Sunday and accused of choking and restraining his girlfriend, reality TV star Tila Tequila, as she tried to leave his Southern California home.

Tequila, 27, signed a citizen's arrest warrant, charging Merriman with battery and false imprisonment, San Diego County Sheriff's Lt. Gary Steadman said.

Deputies responded about 3:45 a.m. to Merriman's house in Poway, north of San Diego, after a woman called to say she was choked by the player and physically restrained when she had tried to leave, according to a Sheriff's Department statement.

Merriman, 25, was taken into custody. Authorities declined to say whether he had posted bail or been released, pending an afternoon news conference.

Tequila was taken to a hospital. Her condition was not immediately available.

Tequila, whose real name is Tila Nguyen, is best known for "A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila," which ran for two seasons on MTV.

TV LISTINGS

Befriending former colleague may cause trouble at work

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I live in a small city in the South, which means everyone knows everyone.

A former co-worker, "Dina," moved across the street from me. We're friendly, but not too close. She and I taught at the same school.

While Dina doesn't always do things in a way I think is socially correct, she's a good soul who cares about her students.

My principal likes me, which makes my work life much easier, but strongly dislikes Dina.

Abby, my principal has a "guilt by association" view of the world.

I'm afraid to go out with Dina in case my boss should see me.

While this may seem unsociable, I worry for my professional future.

I don't want to jeopardize it for someone who may not be a longtime friend. Any advice? — **IN A CORNER IN GEORGIA**

DEAR IN A CORNER: Your principal appears to be controlling, judgmental, someone who plays favorites, and generally a truly awful person.

However, unless you're willing to stand up for yourself and the fact that you are entitled to a personal life, you will be looking over your shoulder until the day you retire.

Live your life, and if your principal retaliates in any way, take the matter to the administrator who supervises your boss.

DEAR ABBY: "Leila" and I have been friends since high school. We've grown closer over the last few years.

The problem is her dog, "Prince."

Her life is wrapped around that animal. Prince sleeps with her, eats off her plate and drinks from her glass.

He even has a stroller.

When Leila brought him to the funeral home, it was the last straw.

Prince "groomed" himself the whole time, and she had him sit near me.

She has also asked me to "baby-sit" her dog at work while she runs errands. (Prince is not a guide dog or service dog.)

Leila frequently invites me to her home to eat, but I make excuses because, frankly, it isn't clean.

Prince requires everyone's full attention and often vomits when I'm there.

I don't invite Leila to my home because I know she'll bring the dog.

I don't like animals on my furniture.

Now don't get me wrong. I like dogs. I have owned several in the past. But I cannot stand that one.

I'm running out of excuses not to visit her.

If we go out, we have to cut things short because she has to get back to "him," and I end up being left to pay the check.

I am single, with one income.

Leila owns her own business, and her husband earns six figures. Help! — **FED UP WITH FIDO**

DEAR FED UP: Your problem isn't the dog. It's Leila.

She turned you into a baby sitter for her dog during business hours?

I can see it happening once during an emergency — but if you agreed to it after that, then you need to learn how to say no.

As to cutting your visits short because she has to get back to the dog, she could make other arrangements for him while she goes out with you.

My advice is to ask her to repay her share of the meal tabs she has stuck you with.

If this presumptuous woman disappears after that, your problem will be solved.

DEAR ABBY: Can you settle a family argument? Who "owns" the leftovers? The person who orders the food or the person who foots the bill? — **KATE IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR KATE: If an entree is ordered in a restaurant, whatever uneaten food remains on someone's plate would belong to that person. Ditto for a dessert that went with the meal.

P.S. If it has reached the point that your family is fighting over food scraps, you're all in more trouble than an advice columnist can fix.

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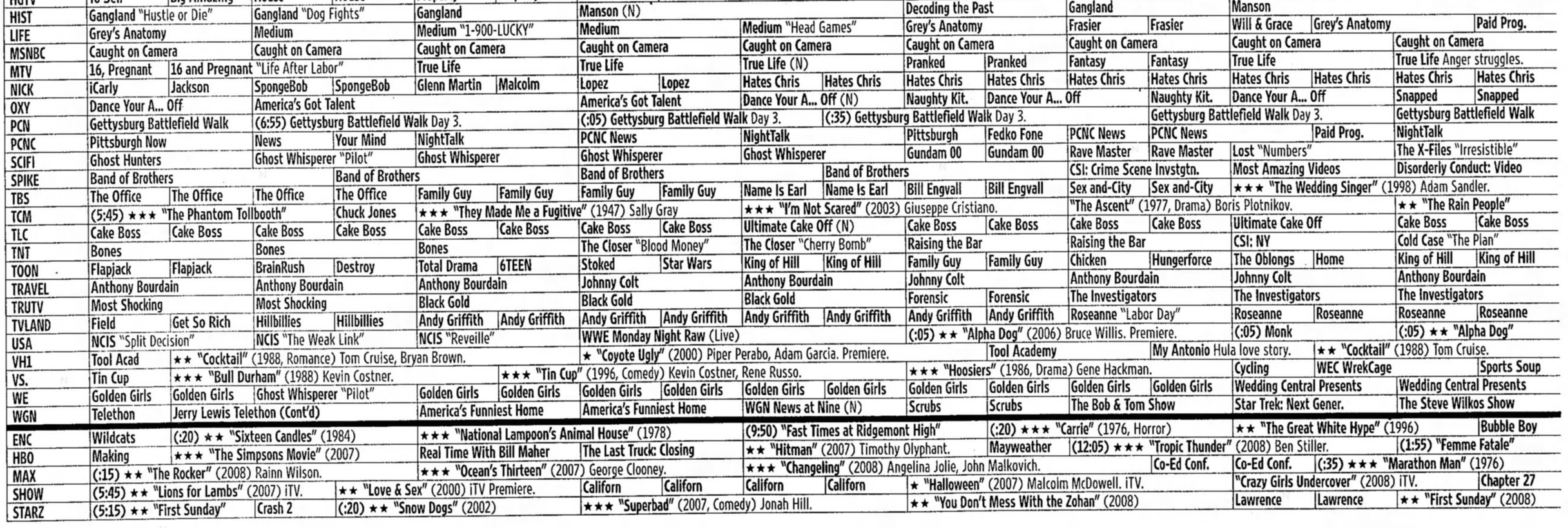
MONDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS · Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (10) Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother "The Three Days Rule" A joke on Ted.	How I Met Your Mother "Right Place Right Time" Ted ponders fate.	Two and a Half Men Charlie dates Alan's receptionist.	(:31) The Big Bang Theory Penny's revelation.	CSI: Miami "Dissolved" The team investigates when a man is boiled alive.		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Tracy Morgan; Leslie Mann; Diane Birch.		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Juliette Lewis; Alex O'Loughlin. (N)		(2) (:37) Extra (Season Premiere) (N) (7) (10) (:37) Paid Program	(2) (10) (:07) Paid Program (7) (:07) Up to the Minute (N)	(2) (:37) Paid Program (10) (:37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 6 (23) Insider	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (23) Jeopardy!	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	Castle "A Chill Goes Through Her Veins" The frozen body of a missing woman is discovered.		Castle "Little Girl Lost" Castle finds himself vying with an FBI agent for Beckett's attention.		Castle Castle and Beckett investigate when a plastic surgeon is brutally murdered.		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Shaquille O'Neal; Selena Gomez; Darius Rucker.		(4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Program	(23) (:35) Paid Program	(4) (:06) Paid Program (23) Jerry Springer	(4) (:36) Channel 4 Action News at 11
NBC	(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) Jerry Lewis Telethon (Cont'd)	(6) (9) NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N) (9) (11) Jeopardy!	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Alpha Dog" A model turns up dead after a night of love and drugs.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Revolution" An aging revolutionary wants to spark a populist uprising.		Dateline NBC		(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) Ch. 11 News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Seth Rogen; Rose Byrne; Eric Hutchinson.		(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Adam Sandler; Jimmy Buffett.		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Jo Koy; Lissy Trullie.	(:05) Poker After Dark Tom Dwan; Patrik Antonius; Howard Lederer; Eli Elezra; Ilari Sahamies; Phil Ivey. (N)	
FOX	(8) The Simpsons (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	House "House Divided" A deaf 14-year-old collapses while competing in a wrestling match. (PA)		Lie to Me "Blinded" Lightman works with an FBI agent to find a serial rapist.		(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(8) (:35) Everybody Loves Raymond "Wallpaper"	(8) (:05) Seinfeld (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Frasier (53) Scrubs	(8) (12:05) Paid Program (53) Scrubs	(8) (:35) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:35) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Prog. (53) House of Payne
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	Antiques Roadshow Navajo blanket; brooch; harp.		History Detectives (Season Finale) (N)		Wild River: The Colorado		Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ	Smart Travels: Europe	History Detectives (Season Finale)		Antiques Roadshow Navajo blanket; brooch; harp.	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (Season Premiere) (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	One Tree Hill "Remember Me as a Time of Day"		Gossip Girl "The Goodbye Gossip Girl"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	Twilight	Twilight	Magic's Biggest Secrets		TMZ	Frasier	Law Order: CI		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Day of Miracles Sept. 11.		★ "The Climb" (2002) Jason George, Ned Vaughn.				Origins	Quick Study	Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		All World	Day of Miracles Sept. 11.		Heritage	Munroe
(59) WBGN	TBA	RENO 911!	TBA	Paid Prog.	★ "Fatal Beauty" (1987) Whoopi Goldberg, Sam Elliott.				Cheaters	RENO 911!	Punk'd	Cribs	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Hoarders "Tara; Betty"		Hoarders		Hoarders "Jake; Shirley"		Paranormal	Paranormal	Hoarders "Tara; Betty"		Hoarders		Hoarders "Jake; Shirley"	
ABCFAM	Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Greek "Our Fathers" (N)		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Secret-Teen		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
AMC	(5:00) ★★★ "The Rookie" (2002) Dennis Quaid.				★★ "For Love of the Game" (1999, Drama) Kevin Costner, Kelly Preston.						(:15) Mad Men Don and Gene cross paths.			(:17) ★★★ "The Rookie" (2002) Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths.				
ANPL	Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Cats 101		Monsters Inside Me		Animal Cops Philadelphia		Cats 101		Monsters Inside Me		Animal Cops Philadelphia		Whale Wars	
BBC	"The Spy Who Loved Me"		BBC World News America		Top Gear (N)		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
BET	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Wendy Williams Show		★★ "Bebe's Kids" (1992, Comedy)			Frankie	Played-Fame	Played-Fame
BRAVO	(5:45) Top Chef: Las Vegas		Inside the Actors Studio		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		The Rachel Zoe Project (N)		The Rachel Zoe Project		Real Housewives-Atlanta		★★★ "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington.			
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Trading Spouses		Trading Spouses		★ "Broken Bridges" (2006) Toby Keith, Kelly Preston.				(12:15) ★ "Broken Bridges" (2006, Drama) Toby Keith, Kelly Preston.					CMT Music
CNBC	House of Cards				Crime & Punishment		Marijuana Inc.: Pot Industry		Inside Track: NASCAR		Ultimate Fighting: Fistful		Porn: Business of Pleasure		American Greed		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★★ "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde" (2003)				★ "National Lampoon's Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj"				"Jackass 2.5" (2007)		★★ "Tommy Boy" (1995, Comedy) Chris Farley.				South Park	Futurama	"Jackass 2.5" (2007)	
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Dirty Jobs: Egg Farm		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs Spider venom.		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs Spider venom.		Dirty Jobs	
DISNEY	Jonas	Jonas	Sonny	Sonny	"Wizards of Waverly Place The Movie"			Phineas-Ferb	Wizards	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Christina Aguilera: The E! True Hollywood Story				Kourtney	Kourtney	Kourtney	Kourtney	Soup	Kendra	Chelsea	Kourtney	Chelsea	Kendra	Soup	Comedians	Girls	Chelsea
ESPN	College Football		College Football Live (Live)		College Football Miami at Florida State. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	SportsCentury		Who's Number 1?		Who's Number 1?		Boxing		NBA Basketball: 1984 Spurs at Nuggets				American Gladiators		Boxing: Mitchell vs. Tackie		Boxing: Durelle vs. Moore	
ESPN2	SportsCenter (Live)		Tennis U.S. Open -- Round of 16. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (Live)								2009 World Series of Poker		NASCAR Now (N)		NFL Films	College Football Navy at Ohio State.		
EWTN	Vatican	M. Teresa	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	High School Football						High School Football: Klein Oak (Texas) vs. Notre Dame Prep (Calif.)					Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	World Poker	
FX	(5:00) ★★ "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005, Action) Brad Pitt.				★★ "There's Something About Mary" (1998) Cameron Diaz.					★★ "There's Something About Mary" (1998) Cameron Diaz.					'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Learning	Lessons	The Golf Fix	Top 10	Golf Videos	Haney	Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf Central	Golf Videos	Haney	Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf
GSN	Catch 21	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lingo	Millionaire	Catch 21	Newlywed	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HGTV	To Sell	Big Amazing	House	House	Property	Property	House	First Place	House	For Rent	Unsellable	First Place	Property	Property	House	First Place	House	For Rent
HIST	Gangland "Hustle or Die"		Gangland "Dog Fights"		Gangland		Manson (N)				Decoding the Past		Gangland		Manson			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Medium		Medium "1-900-LUCKY"		Medium		Medium "Head Games"		Grey's Anatomy		Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Grey's Anatomy		Paid Prog.
MSNBC	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
MTV	16, Pregnant	16 and Pregnant "Life After Labor"			True Life		True Life		True Life (N)		Pranked	Pranked	Fantasy	Fantasy	True Life		True Life Anger struggles.	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Glenn Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	Dance Your A... Off		America's Got Talent				America's Got Talent		Dance Your A... Off (N)		Naughty Kit.	Dance Your A... Off		Naughty Kit.	Dance Your A... Off		Snapped	Snapped
PCN	Gettysburg Battlefield Walk		(6:55) Gettysburg Battlefield Walk Day 3.				(:05) Gettysburg Battlefield Walk Day 3.		(:35) Gettysburg Battlefield Walk Day 3.					Gettysburg Battlefield Walk Day 3.			Gettysburg Battlefield Walk	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Your Mind	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog.	NightTalk	
SCIFI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Whisperer "Pilot"		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Gundam 00	Gundam 00	Rave Master	Rave Master	Lost "Numbers"		The X-Files "Irresistible"	
SPIKE	Band of Brothers			Band of Brothers			Band of Brothers			Band of Brothers			CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Conduct: Video	
TBS	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	Sex and City	Sex and City	★★★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998) Adam Sandler.			
TCM	(5:45) ★★★ "The Phantom Tollbooth"			Chuck Jones	★★★ "They Made Me a Fugitive" (1947) Sally Gray				★★★ "I'm Not Scared" (2003) Giuseppe Cristiano.				"The Ascent" (1977, Drama) Boris Plotnikov.				★★ "The Rain People"	
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Ultimate Cake Off (N)		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Ultimate Cake Off		Cake Boss	Cake Boss
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		The Closer "Blood Money"		The Closer "Cherry Bomb"		Raising the Bar		Raising the Bar		CSI: NY		Cold Case "The Plan"	
TOON	Flapjack	Flapjack	BrainRush	Destroy	Total Drama	6TEEN	Stoked	Star Wars	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	The Oblongs	Home	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Johnny Colt		Anthony Bourdain		Johnny Colt		Anthony Bourdain		Johnny Colt		Anthony Bourdain	
TRUTV	Most Shocking		Most Shocking		Black Gold		Black Gold		Black Gold		Forensic	Forensic	The Investigators		The Investigators		The Investigators	
TVLAND	Field	Get So Rich	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Roseanne "Labor Day"		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS "Split Decision"		NCIS "The Weak Link"		NCIS "Reveille"		WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)				(:05) ★★ "Alpha Dog" (2006) Bruce Willis. Premiere.			(:05) Monk			(:05) ★★ "Alpha Dog"	
VH1	Tool Acad	★★ "Cocktail" (1988, Romance) Tom Cruise, Bryan Brown.			★ "Coyote Ugly" (2000) Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia. Premiere.							Tool Academy		My Antonio Hula love story.		★★ "Cocktail" (1988) Tom Cruise.		
VS.	Tin Cup	★★★ "Bull Durham" (1988) Kevin Costner.				★★★ "Tin Cup" (1996, Comedy) Kevin Costner, Rene Russo.					★★★ "Hoosiers" (1986, Drama) Gene Hackman.				Cycling	WEC WrekCage		Sports Soup
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer "Pilot"		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Wedding Central Presents		Wedding Central Presents	
WGN	Telethon	Jerry Lewis Telethon (Cont'd)			America's Funniest Home		America's Funniest Home		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	The Bob & Tom Show		Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Steve Wilkos Show	
ENC	Wildcats	(:20) ★★ "Sixteen Candles" (1984)			★★★ "National Lampoon's Animal House" (1978)				(9:50) "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"			(:20) ★★★ "Carrie" (1976, Horror)			★★ "The Great White Hype" (1996)			Bubble Boy
HBO	Making	★★★ "The Simpsons Movie" (2007)			Real Time With Bill Maher		The Last Truck: Closing		★★ "Hitman" (2007) Timothy Olyphant.			Mayweather	(12:05) ★★★ "Tropic Thunder" (2008) Ben Stiller.				(1:55) "Femme Fatale"	
MAX	(:15) ★★ "The Rocker" (2008) Rainn Wilson.				★★★ "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) George Clooney.				★★★ "Changeling" (2008) Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich.					Co-Ed Conf.	Co-Ed Conf.	(:35) ★★★ "Marathon Man" (1976)		
SHOW	(5:45) ★★ "Lions for Lambs" (2007) iTV.			★★ "Love & Sex" (2000) iTV Premiere.			Californ	Californ	Californ	Californ	★ "Halloween" (2007) Malcolm McDowell. iTV.				"Crazy Girls Undercover" (2008) iTV.			Chapter 27
STARZ	(5:15) ★★ "First Sunday"		Crash 2	(:20) ★★ "Snow Dogs" (2002)			★★★ "Superbad" (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill.				★★ "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" (2008)				Lawrence	Lawrence	★★ "First Sunday" (2008)	



FEATURES

Frugal Living

Tasty ways to use tomatoes

Sara **NOEL**

If you have an abundance of juicy tomatoes this season, consider yourself lucky to have escaped late blight.

For folks not so lucky, I'm sharing recipes that don't use a ton as the main ingredient but will let you savor every delicious bite.

Tomatoes and Beans

1-1/2 pounds fresh green beans, cut into 2-inch pieces
1-1/2 cups water
1/4 cup butter
1 tablespoon sugar
3/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1-1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh basil
2 cups cherry-tomato halves

Place beans and water in a large saucepan. Cover, and bring to a boil. Simmer until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain off water, and set aside. In a skillet, melt butter. Stir in sugar, garlic salt, pepper and basil. Add tomatoes and cook, stirring gently just until soft. Pour the tomato mixture over the green beans, and toss gently to combine. — **Amy, Ohio**

Stuffed BLT Tomatoes

1 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup cream cheese
1/4 cup green onions, chopped
1/2 cup lettuce, finely chopped
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
24 cherry tomatoes
shredded cheddar cheese, to taste
croutons or breadcrumbs

Fry bacon until crispy. Once cooled, crumble and set aside. In a bowl, stir together the bacon, mayonnaise, cream cheese, green onions, lettuce and parsley until well blended. Set aside. Cut a small slice from the top of each tomato. Using a melon baller or small measuring spoon, scoop out the inside of each tomato. Stuff each tomato with the mixture, sprinkle on cheese and croutons or breadcrumbs, and refrigerate. Serve chilled. — **Natalie N., Wisconsin**

Slow-Roasted Tomatoes

3 pounds ripe tomatoes
4 cloves garlic, crushed
6 sprigs thyme
sea salt, to taste
3 teaspoons sugar
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
basil leaves

Heat the oven to 225 F. Boil a large pan of water. Blanche tomatoes so the skins slip off easily. After you remove the skins, cut the tomatoes in half and remove the seeds. (Keep these in a plastic storage bag in the freezer to add to soup.) Lay the tomato halves on a nonstick baking tray. Sprinkle with garlic, thyme, salt and sugar. Drizzle the olive oil over the tomatoes, and bake them in a slow oven for three hours. Serve on Italian bread or burgers. Cook's note: To store, place in a jar with a basil leaf in between each tomato and cover with olive oil. They will keep for three days in the fridge. — **Rhonda, e-mail**

Black-Bean Taco Salad

2 cans (15 ounces each) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (2-1/4 ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained
2 medium tomatoes, seeded and chopped (1-1/2 cups chopped)
1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup chopped green onions or chives (3 medium)
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon pepper
4 cups chopped spinach (6 ounces) or any kind of greens will do

Mix beans, olives, tomatoes, cheese, onions and cilantro. Mix lime juice, cumin and pepper; toss with bean mixture. Serve on spinach (or other greens). — **Karen, Kansas**

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CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■ Monessen School Board meeting, elementary center board room, 7:30 p.m.

■ New Eagle AARP meeting, Ponderosa Steak House, Rostraver Township, 1 p.m.

■ Our Lady of the Valley Christian Mothers and Women's Guild meeting, St. Philip Neri worship site, Donora, 6:30 p.m.

■ Managing your Diabetes, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township, 8:30 a.m.

■ RSDS Support Group meeting, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ TEAM Charleroi Education/Safety Committee meeting, Charleroi School District Administration building, 8 a.m.

■ Mon Valley Serra Club meeting, JEM Lounge, Fallowfield Township, 6:30 p.m.

■ Twilight Borough Council meeting, borough building, 7 p.m.

■ American Croatian Citizens Club, Donora, meeting, club meeting room, 7 p.m.

■ Ernest E. Jobes Post 212 American Legion, Donora, meeting, 7 p.m.

■ Angel Food signups, First Presbyterian Church, Monongahela, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Knox Avenue, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Legion Post 949 plans meeting

Members of the James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township, will meet 8 p.m. Wednesday at the post.

Flea market set in Brownsville

A "something for everyone" flea market will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday on the lower level of the Flatiron Building, 69 Market St., Brownsville. Everything must go. Proceeds benefit community redevelopment efforts. For information, call (724) 785-9331.

Gallatin Sunnyside seniors set luncheon

The Gallatin Sunnyside Senior Citizens will have a luncheon meet Friday at the Gallatin Sunnyside Fire Hall. Lunch is held at noon; the meeting begins at 1 p.m.

Fall craft show, bake sale set

The staff and residents of the Mon Valley Care Center will hold the 2009 fall craft show and bake sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. The Mon Valley Care Center is located at 200 Stoops Drive in Monongahela. For details or directions, contact Lorraine at (724) 310-1111.

Workshop series set in Monessen

Westmoreland Community Action's Monessen Circles will start a series of workshops titled "Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World." The workshops will be held weekly for 15 weeks. Each workshop includes dinner, and childcare arrangements are available. The first session begins 5:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Dudas Building on Sixth Street. The workshops offer an opportunity to investigate and identify the tools necessary for economic stability. For information, call (724) 684-5361, extension 30.

Flea market planned in Washington Twp.

The Center on the Hill, Washington Township, will hold a flea market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Lunch will be available and a bake sale will be held. Vendors wishing to reserve a table can call (724) 929-8636.

Public star party set at Mingo Creek

The Amateur Astronomer's Association of Pittsburgh in cooperation with the Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will present a public star party at dusk Saturday at the observatory, located near shelter 10. Reservations are not required. There is no fee. For information, visit www.3ap.org.

Car show, flea market, craft show scheduled

A Crusin' in the Woods car show, indoor flea market and craft show will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Center in the Woods, 130 Woodland Court, Brownsville. Models may include classic, muscle, hot and street rods and antique cars. For car, flea market or craft space registration, contact Diane at (724) 938-3554, extension 103. The event will be held rain or shine. Entertainment will be provided.

Ducky Race set in Brownsville

The Brownsville Area Revitalization Corporation will hold a Ducky Race down the Mon River noon Saturday at the Brownsville Riverside Wharf Park, south of the Inter-County Bridge. Thousands of rubber ducks will compete in the race. Prizes will be awarded. For information on adopting a duck, call (724) 785-9331.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Seven Dolors Christian Mothers and Ladies

The Church of the Seven Dolors Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Ladies met for its monthly meeting in Rogers Hall 7 p.m. Sept. 1 with 19 members present.

President Margaret Kearney opened the meeting with a special welcome to Rose Capretti and Mildred Grkman.

Babe Milovac read from the Book of Matthew regarding final judgment. Opening prayers were the daily prayer for the children and prayer for vocations.

The secretary and treasurer reports were given respectively.

Modestina Grkman reported she sent nine get-well and three sympathy cards for the month of August.

Vice President JoAnn Babyak read the communications for August, two thank-you cards.

Under old business Kearney noted that the money donated to the parish picnic bingo was well received by all that attended the picnic.

Under new business Kelli Ritz reported that the Christmas party will be held in Rogers Hall on Dec. 13. More details will follow next month.

Melody Hyzy passed out tickets for the annual soup and salad bar to be held Sept. 27 in Rogers Hall. She asked each woman to provide two dishes, one hot, also if anyone could donate a door prize for Chinese auction.

Connie Reinstadtler passed around the full-page ad to be placed in the book for the church's 100th anniversary celebration.

There were three games of bingo played after the meeting. Next month's jackpot will be more than $31.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 6. Hostesses will be Kitty Hynek, Louise Dinardo and Mitzie Garino.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: G equals B

"C AJTIO CPXJNBCD RXDANPXDA JXBHSDNYXR ALX UNSDNAO HE ICGHJ CDU ALX ECBA ALCA LHDHJ INXR ND LHDXRA AHNI." - SJHMXJ BIXMXICDU

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "If you don't learn to laugh at troubles, you won't have anything to laugh at when you grow old." - Edward W. Howe

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HOLIDAY CUPCAKE CREATION Challenge!

Calling all bakers and cupcake decorators!

Register today to compete in the HOLIDAY CUPCAKE CREATION CHALLENGE at the GoodTaste! Pittsburgh Food & Cooking Expo on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

The Holiday Cupcake Creation Challenge is a cupcake decorating competition, benefiting Operation Santa Claus*. Contestants will have the chance to create their most unique holiday cupcake(s) and compete for a **$1,000 grand prize** courtesy of Relish Magazine!

To enter, visit **contests.TribLIVE.com**, upload a photo of a cupcake that you've decorated and submit your $10.00 registration fee!

Portion of the proceeds benefits Operation Santa Claus.

To enter by mail, see details on the form below.

Don't wait, deadline to register is 5 pm September 25, 2009!

Not a baker? You can still get involved!
Starting September 25, (5:30p.m.) visit **contests.TribLIVE.com** and vote for your favorites! Give 5 lucky contestants the chance to compete in person at the GoodTaste! Pittsburgh Food and Cooking Expo.

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Official Rules

1. To enter, visit contests.TribLIVE.com or return your completed entry form, cake photo and $10.00 required registration fee to: Holiday Cupcake Creation Challenge, c/o Trib Total Media, 503 Martindale St., Suite 250, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. 2. Color or black/white 4x6 photos will be accepted. Photos can not be returned, but will be available for pick up following the selection of contestants at the Trib Total Media offices located at the address listed above. 3. All entries must be received by 5:00 PM Friday, September 25, 2009. 4. Only one photo per contestant will accepted. 5. Trib Total Media readers will cast their votes for their favorite cakes by ballots online at contests.TribLIVE.com. 6. Contest will consist of an entry period (August 24 - September 25) and voting period (September 25 - October 16). 7. 1st place prize will include $1,000 cash courtesy of Relish Magazine and other prizes as yet to be determined. 2nd and 3rd place prizes will also be awarded. 8. Contest is open to all bakers – amateur and professional – residing within the Trib Total Media home delivery area. Employees of Trib Total Media and sponsor companies are not eligible to participate. 9. Void where prohibited by law. All federal, state and local laws and regulation apply. 10. Additional rules and regulations may apply. 11. Donations are voluntary. Entry and voting may be done at minimal cost by visiting contests.TribLIVE.com or contacting Trib Total Media Marketing Department at 412.320.7941.

Deadline to enter is Friday, September 25 at 5:00 PM. Enter online at **contests.TribLIVE.com** or complete this form, and return it along with your cake photo and $10.00 required entry fee (make checks payable to Operation Santa Claus) to:
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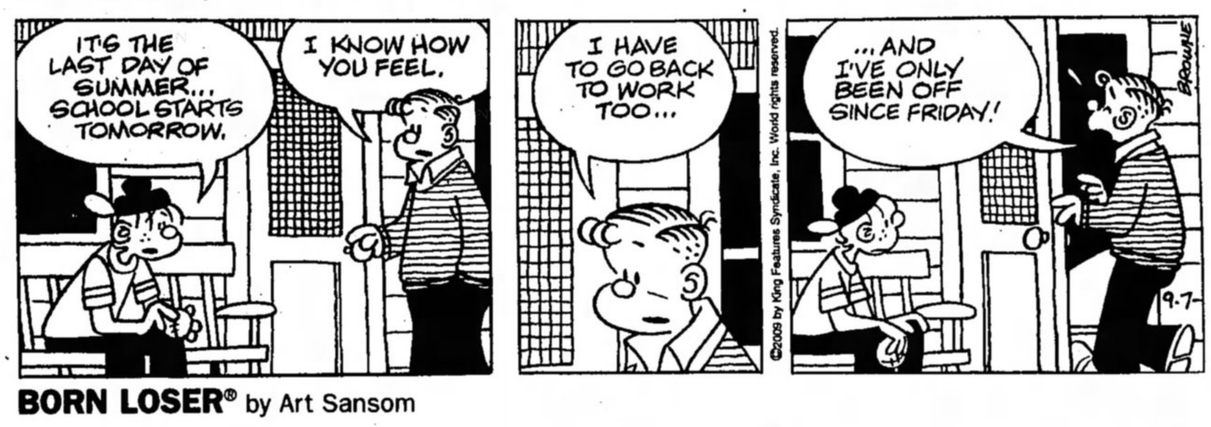
IT'S THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER... SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW.
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.
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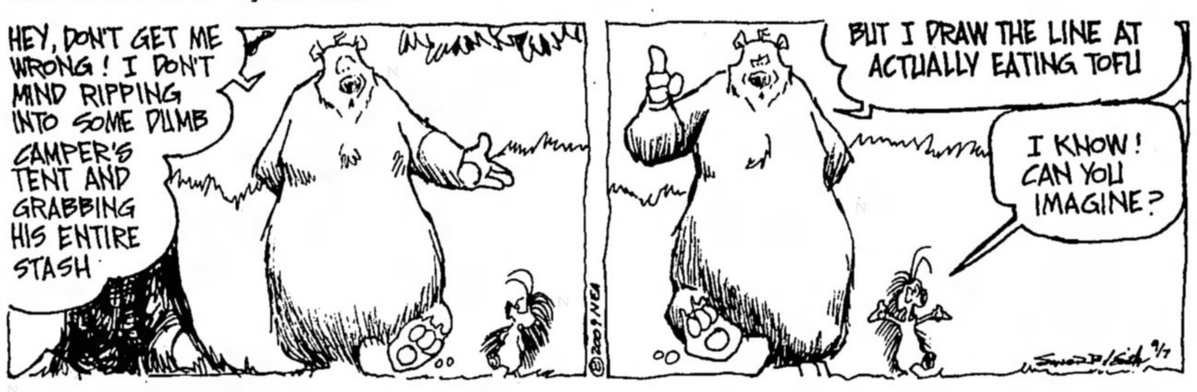
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GUYS! SUB!
SUB?
GOOD SUB OR BAD SUB?
CAN'T TELL YET.
HE LOOKS MEAN.
ONLY BECAUSE HE HAS BUSHY EYEBROWS.
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HE DIDN'T SHAVE VERY CAREFULLY.
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WHATEVER THEY'RE PAYING ME, IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

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THERE ARE A LOT OF STRANGE NOISES!
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I'M SURE GOING TO HAVE A LOT TO TELL MY FRIENDS!
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POW!
ANOTHER GUNSHOT!
YEAH, I WONDER WHAT IT MEANS?
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SUDOKU

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Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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3	2	1	4	5	9	7	6	8
8	4	5	3	6	7	2	9	1
9	6	7	8	1	2	5	3	4
7	1	6	2	8	3	4	5	9
2	5	9	7	4	1	3	8	6
4	3	8	5	9	6	1	2	7

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ACROSS

1 Jogged
4 Apply makeup
7 RV haven
10 Stun
11 Winter warmer
13 Newsroom VIPs
14 Pop's companion
15 Straighten
16 Teacup rim
17 Trudged along
19 Hangs open
21 Tack on
22 Chilly comment
23 Rice field
26 Baby shower gift
30 Crude metals
31 Kind of instinct
32 Practical question
33 Sammy Sosa's org.
34 Burning
35 Garage event
36 Many TV dinners
39 More remote
40 Actor — Perlman
41 Two-piece part
42 Compare
45 Aimed
49 Stock ending
50 Desktop symbols
52 Reuben bread
53 "Simpsons" bartender
54 Kind of drop
55 Web addr.
56 Every
57 Half a couple
58 Electric fish

DOWN

1 Incline
2 MP's prey
3 Verne skipper
4 Meted out
5 Etching fluid
6 Peat source
7 Seaweed
8 Garfield's housemate
9 Snakes
11 Tea container
12 Steaming
18 Family men
20 Is, for them
22 Quilt stuffing
23 Grandeur
24 Woody's son
25 Liability
26 Tiant of baseball
27 Bangkok native
28 Painted tinware
29 Big pitcher
31 Campbell of country music
35 Read hastily
37 Opposite of post-
38 Greek column type
39 Hibernian
41 Bell sounds
42 Mantra chanter
43 Teen fave
44 Hull bottom
45 Come down hard
46 Exam choice
47 Rochester's Jane
48 Hollow
51 Web suffix

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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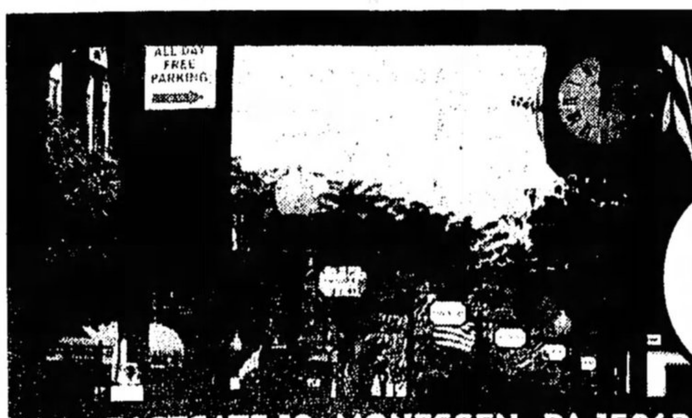

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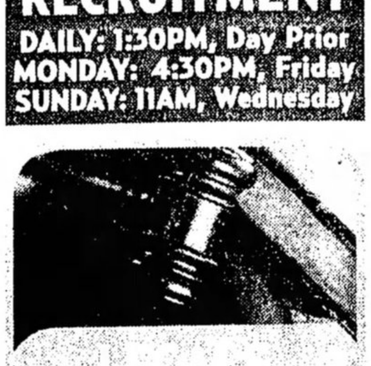

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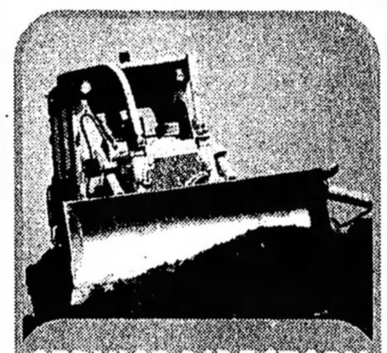

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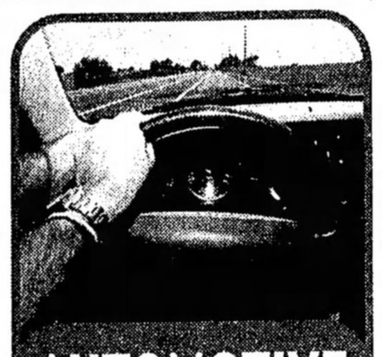

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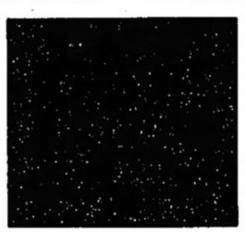

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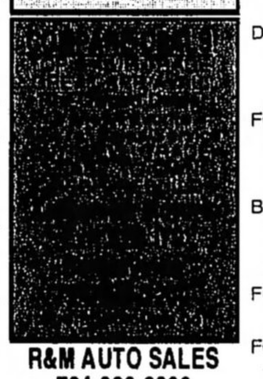

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FORD REBATES: -500
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FORD REBATES: -3,500
CASH OR TRADE: -2,500
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$18,160 HURRY 2HOT SOON
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DAVIES DISCOUNT: -1,100
COLLEGE GRAD: -500*
FORD REBATES: -4,000
CASH OR TRADE: -2,500
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FORD REBATES: -1,500
CASH OR TRADE: -2,500
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FORD REBATES: -2,500
CASH OR TRADE: -2,500
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COLLEGE GRAD: -500*
FORD REBATES: -1,000
CASH OR TRADE: -2,500
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CASH OR TRADE: -2,500
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COLLEGE GRAD: -500*
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CASH OR TRADE: -2,500
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CASH OR TRADE: -2,500
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$26,550 HURRY 2HOT SOON
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COLLEGE GRAD: -500*
FORD REBATES: -2,000
CASH OR TRADE: -2,500
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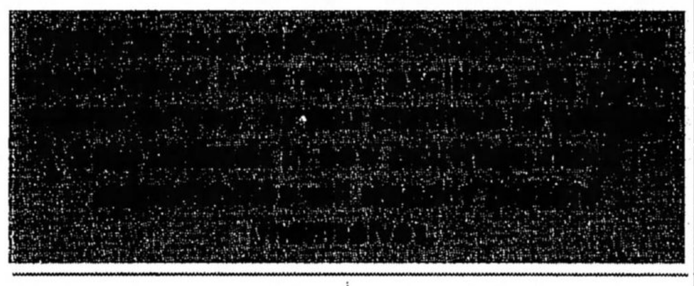

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Be a good listener because you'll pick up on more than a few ways to handle your affairs with greater success. Even if you don't need it now, you will have good uses for what you learn down the road.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Because you are a quick learner, handling the shifting currents of uncharted waters will seem like a snap. Have faith in your competency.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- You have a gift for dissecting the ideas of others and reorganizing them in ways that succeed in other areas. Use this talent for your good and the good of others.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- You're clever enough to assert yourself without being abrasive, hostile or demanding. You are likely to use this gift to change something that needs alteration at work.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- If you have no special plans, don't allow yourself to grow sluggish. Participate in a fun activity that requires brainpower as well as muscle power. It'll reboot your attitude.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Work on concluding a matter that has been hanging fire for far too long. You are always a good starter, but now you'll be even a stronger finisher, so use it for completing unfinished projects.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Your enthusiasm is contagious, so if you need others to join your efforts, now is the time to ask for help. Your way of thinking will easily sweep them into your currents.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Again, things look quite promising for you, especially with regard to financial affairs. Focus your energies and intellect in areas that hold some potential for substantial growth.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- Don't hesitate to respond to demands being made on your leadership qualities; you function best when things are placed on your shoulders. You're a doer who knows how to get things done.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Act on your hunches, especially those that involve financial or business concerns. You are innately tuned to a wavelength that enables you to spot better ways to add resources.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- Co-workers might talk about all they hope to do, but you're the one who knows how to get things done. Share your ideas and use your abilities to do the greatest good for everyone involved.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- There will be no need to duck challenging developments; you have more than enough smarts to do what needs doing in ways that look easy.

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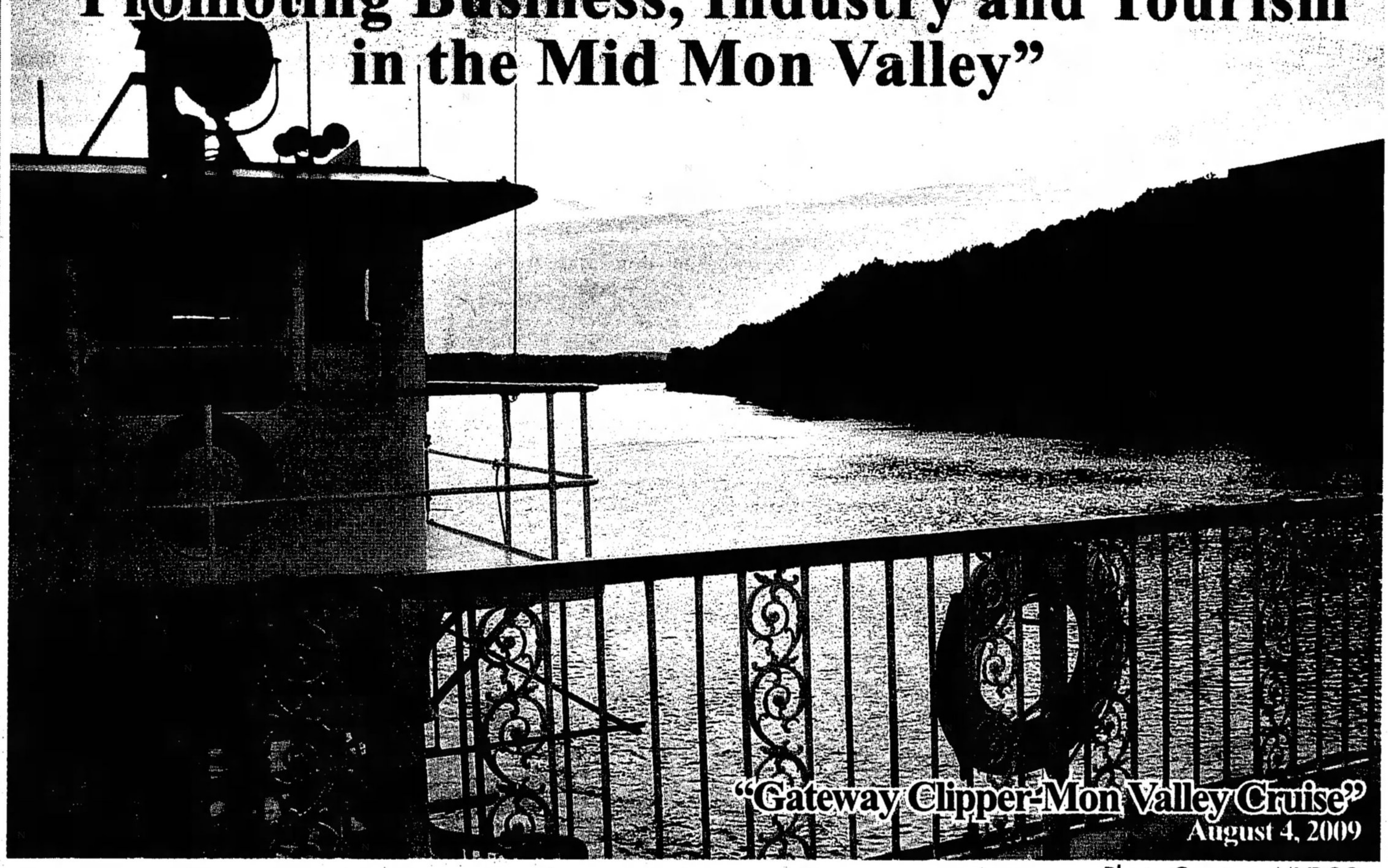

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Lee Supply in member spotlight

Lee Supply Co. Inc., of Charleroi, is celebrating its 55th year in business.

Founded in 1954 by Ed Lee, the father and grandfather of the current owners, the company was primarily a mining supply firm selling products to the coal industry in western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and eastern Ohio. Following in Ed Lee's footsteps are sons Mike and Dave Lee and grandsons Shawn and Kevin, who all serve as principals of Lee Supply.

The second Lee generation took over management in 1972. They continued to service the mines as well as diversifying into the industrial, municipal and environmental markets in the mid- to late 1980s. With these new markets came new products such as HDPE pipe, fittings and specialty fabrications. That diversification has led to the company being one of the largest suppliers of pipe and pumping systems to the solid waste industry in the eastern United States.

Lee Supply is able to service and support customers in all markets 24/7. The fleet of more than 20 company-operated trucks assures on-time delivery and the trained staff of technical support personnel is available to assist on any project. There are more than 110 employees with a combined 1000 years' experience in the industry. Many of those have been with Lee for more than 20 years.

Lee Supply operates by a "Commitment Policy" to achieve total quality performance in meeting the requirements of valued customers.

Total quality performance means understanding who the customer is, what their specific requirements are, and meeting those requirements with quality products and service on time, every time – this commitment policy appears on the home page of the company's Web site, www.leesupply.com.

The core values of Lee Supply Co. remain the same — providing quality products, at competitive prices in a timely manner to all markets they serve. The Mon Valley region is also very fortunate to have Lee Supply show the same type of commitment to the communities that surround them — generously supporting, sponsoring, and actively participating in numerous organizations.

The Lees' philosophy of "giving back" is demonstrated every day in extraordinary ways. A Chamber member for 35 years, and the recipient of its 2001 Outstanding Business Development Award, Lee Supply continues to be a source of pride for the region and the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Lee Supply Company was honored in the Chamber's Member Spotlight for September. From left are Treasurer Shawn Lee, Vice President David Lee, Jerry Zahand of the Chamber Executive Committee, Secretary Kevin Lee and Vice President Michael Lee.

Message from the President

Chamber members source of Pride

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce would like to note with pride the many businesses featured in *The Valley Independent's* "Continuing Pride" that are long-time Chamber members. Congrat- ulations not only for the recognition you received in print, but also for your remarkable achievements even in these challenging economic times!

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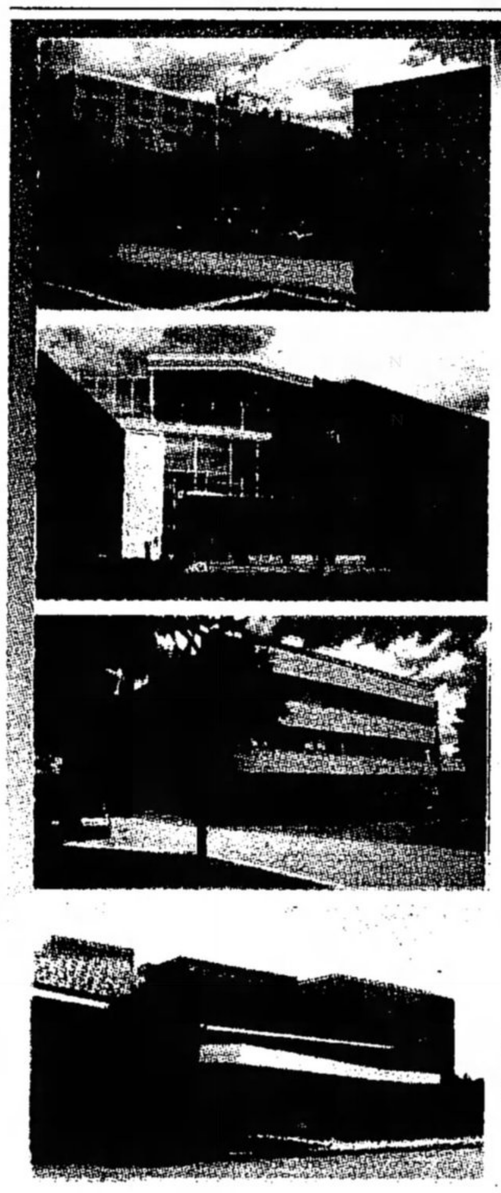

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Chamber update

Aug. 20 Beach Bash all about fun

An enthusiastic crowd joined in the fun Aug. 20 for the Chamber's annual Beach Bash and Hula Contest at Allenport Marina.

Thanks to all who attended and to Bash sponsors California Optimist Club, MarBill Jewelers, SPHS, Staff Masters, and the Willow Room. Thank you to Highway Appliance, who donated several valuable door prizes. No one won the Chamber's Pot of Gold. However, the 50/50 drawing was won by Colleen Arnowitz. Hula contest winners were: Men's Division, Washington County Commissioner Bracken Burns; Women's Division, Tanya Chaney; and Multiple Hoops at One Time, Bill Horrell. All hula hoop winners were awarded a traditional Bash margarita basket.

Leads over Lunch event Oct. 13

Leads over Lunch is the perfect avenue to increase your contacts and generate leads. Each attendee presents a 15-second "elevator speech" to the group with time for open networking prior to and following the lunch. Chamber members and guests are invited to attend this luncheon at Smitty's Marina, Lower Speers, on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at a cost of $15 for members and $18 for non-members.

Check-in begins at 11:45 a.m. Registration is available by calling (724) 483-3507 or accessing a registration form at www.mvrchamber.org.

Chamber funds Challenge Program

The Challenge Program was the subject of student assemblies held at Belle Vernon Area High School Sept. 1. The awards program has became an educational initiative of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, utilizing funds raised at the Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament held annually in June. This year's recipients are Belle Vernon Area High School and Charleroi Area High School.

The Challenge Program is specifically designed to motivate students to perform well in school and to build a bridge between students in high school and the business community by offering rewards for most community service hours, most improved grades, best overall GPA and best attendance.

Part of the BVA program included a presentation by Jim Protin, Chamber Executive Committee and AECOM Engineering employee. Students were encouraged to set goals and work toward the category awards set in the Challenge Program.

Charleroi Area High School students will learn about the program Sept. 16.

For more information on The Challenge Program, log on to www.thechallengeprogram.org or call Mary Dreliszak at (814) 533-7401.

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October Lunch and Learn scheduled

StaffMasters will be presenting a lunch-time workshop about the hiring process on Thursday, Oct. 22, at SPHS, 300 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, in Conference Room A. Chamber Lunch and Learn sessions are presented on specific topics by Chamber members and include a light lunch provided by the presenting member. Each attendee will receive an insulated lunch bag compliments of StaffMasters. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (724) 483-3507.

Mon Valley Job Fair set for Oct. 1

The 2009 Mon Valley Job Fair is slated for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Rostraver Fire Hall at 201 Fells Church Road, near the intersections of Routes 51 and 201 in Belle Vernon.

The non-refundable registration fee is $250 and if payment is received by August 21 the cost is only $200.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information or details about participating in Mon Valley Job Fair 2009, call (724) 379-4750 and speak with Heather Glesk at ext. 108 or Debbie Brown at ext. 127.

Monongahela Area Chamber holds gas drilling meeting

The Monongahela Area Chamber will welcome a representative from Range Resources, a gas exploration and production company currently drilling in the Marcellus Shale as its luncheon speaker Sept. 8. The meeting is at Noon in the Lombardi Education Con-ference Center, Mon Valley Hospital. Reservations are required and the cost is $15.

Area residents are encouraged to attend and learn about the potential vast economic and environmental impact of developing Pennsylvania's enormous reserves of clean-burning natural gas. Plan to attend the luncheon, hear the speaker and get your questions answered. To RSVP, call the Monongahela Area Chamber at (724) 258-5919.

Chiropractic center sponsors food drive

With unemployment on the rise, area food banks are desperate for food. During October, Belle Vernon Chiropractic Center will join together with area businesses to try and fill a 45-foot trailer with non-perishable food for the Westmoreland County Food Bank. If your business is interested in participating, contact Arlene at Belle Vernon Chiropractic Center at (724) 929-6100 or e-mail BVCC@verizon.net.

It's Easy Being Green!

A monthly feature in the Regional Reporter

Maximize computer efficiency

Computers in the business sector unnecessarily waste $1 billion worth of electricity a year. Make it a habit to turn off your computer — and the power strip it's plugged into — when you leave for the day. Otherwise, you're still burning energy even if you're not burning the midnight oil. (Check with your IT department to make sure the computer doesn't need to be on to run backups or other maintenance.)

During the day, setting your computer to go to sleep automatically during short breaks can cut energy use by 70 percent. Remember, screen savers don't save energy.

Make it a policy to invest in energy-saving computers, monitors and printers and make sure that old equipment is properly recycled. Look for a recycler that has pledged not to export hazardous e-waste and to follow other safety guidelines.

Old computers that still work, and are less than 5 years old, can be donated to organizations that will refurbish them and find them new homes. (You may even get a tax deduction.)

Editors note: The Mon Valley Regional Chamber is an active partner with Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Pennsylvania, which recycles all of the above. Call the Chamber or log on to www.goodwillswpa.org for more information.

The information above was accessed from www.planetdiscovery.com and www.sierraclub.typepad.com

What are you doing in your Mon Valley business to save energy, money, and our earth? Send your tips to info@mvrchamber.org and put "Easy to be Green" in the subject line. Short 50-word tips are suggested. We will publish your suggestions and list your name and business.

New networking group in the Valley

Mon Valley Networking, a business networking group comprised of professionals who offer services to meet the exclusive needs of businesses and individuals in and around the Mon Valley, was formed in the spring of 2009.

It meets the first and third Tuesday each month, year around with open networking at 7:15 a.m., and the meeting running from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of SPHS, 300 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi. The group represents most business categories and includes recognized small business owners from the Mon Valley.

The mission of MVN is to promote healthy business relationships in the Mon Valley area and support fellow professionals by bringing to the table expertise and varying strengths.

The goal of MVN is to increase referrals, strengthen membership through relationships and increase exposure by group marketing to the Mon Valley and surrounding areas.

Individuals are always needed to complement the present members. Currently they are seeking an: electrician, photographer, event planner, disc jockey, caterer and mortgage broker just to name a few.

The group openly invites anyone who would like to increase their business to visit. Contact Membership Chairperson Tanya Chaney at (724) 328-2834 for further information.

Annual awards event Sept. 24

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual awards event on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at the Anthony Lombardi Conference Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital. The event sponsor is Monongahela Valley Hospital. Specialty sponsors are Guttman Oil, Charleroi Federal Savings Bank, Southwestern PA Human Services and McGinley Maintenance.

An hors d'oeuvres reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. will be followed by the awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. This year's selection committee has announced the following honorees:

Outstanding Business Development
Progeny Systems
John McKay, Manager

Progeny Systems Corporation is a privately-held high-tech small business specializing in electronic systems development for the United States Department of Defense. The firm operates several plants throughout the country, however the Alta Vista location in Fallowfield Township is a source of pride and hope for the Mon Valley region as it continues to expand its location and product line. Progeny has contributed greatly to the local economy, and has been an excellent corporate citizen.

Excellence in Business
Fields of Heather
Tom and Gretchen Speece, Owners

Fields of Heather is a household name in the Mon Valley. The distinctive designs and consistent service delivered by Gretchen and Tom Speece for 20 years have earned Fields of Heather an excellent reputation. Providing floral products over the years to literally thousands of funerals, weddings and prom goers, this little shop on McKean Avenue in Charleroi will be recognized for the admirable way it has served customers for two years.

Outstanding Regional Service Award
Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority
Dr. Harry Miale, Chairman
Valerie Kissell, Executive Director

The Mid Mon region is indeed fortunate to have its public transportation needs fulfilled by the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority. This agency provides routes throughout the Valley and operates important direct service to the City of Pittsburgh. The MMVTA has been known as one the most productive small transit systems in Pennsylvania. A member of the Chamber for 42 years, they are a friendly partner to many organizations in the region, therefore, their community involvement and support are also being recognized.

Shining Star Award
Stephen Russell, BVA Superintendent of Schools

Steve Russell

Steve Russell is well known for many accomplishments on many levels. He is a passionate educator, writer, and historian; his talents as a public speaker have taken him as far as the microphone at ESPN. His love of sports is demonstrated by his dedication as Chairman of the Mid Mon Valley Sports Hall of Fame and his job as ticket seller at the Pittsburgh Pirates. In 2009 Steve was named Superintendent of Belle Vernon Area Schools. It is the Chamber's honor to name Steve as the 2009 "Shining Star."

The public is invited to attend the awards event at $25 per person. Seating is limited so reservations should be made promptly by responding to mailed invitation or by calling the Chamber at (724) 483-3507. An invitation is also posted at www.mvr-chamber.org.

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Washington County Commissioner Diana Irey presents Charleroi Area Historical Society President Beth Perret with an award for the society's outstanding achievements on the Mon Rivers Communities Gateway Clipper Cruise Aug. 4.

The Baton Twirling group Mon Valley Super Stars is announcing registration for new members to be held Monday, Sept. 14, at the Italian Hall in Charleroi. Hours of signups are 6 to 8 p.m.

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We are asking area business to join us in collecting donations.

For details, please contact Arlene at
Belle Vernon Chiropractic Center
at 724-929-6100 or e-mail
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Please, won't you Help Us Help Others?

The Charleroi Garden Club and Shade Tree Commission is the September recipient of the Charleroi Pride Award.

Charleroi Pride Award goes to Garden Club

TEAM Charleroi presented the members of the Charleroi Garden Club and Shade Tree Commission the Charleroi Pride Award for the month of September.

"This award was originally designed to recognize improvements to business properties in town," said Daneen Troup, TEAM Charleroi coordinator, "The hard work and dedication of these ladies inspired us to change the award to include individuals and organizations. We've also changed the name of the award from Business Improvement to Charleroi Pride."

The beautiful planters throughout Charleroi are an example of the commitment and perseverance of the members of these organizations. Club members not only plant the flowers in the spring, but weed, water and maintain the plantings through the entire summer growing season.

The Shade Tree Commission is funded by the borough to monitor the trees and flowers planted throughout town. The Charleroi Garden Club is a charitable volunteer organization whose members share interest in gardening, civic beautification, floral design and conservation of natural resources.

Members participate in joint monthly educational meetings in addition to involvement in a variety of community service projects. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Charleroi Fire Hall.

The club is always in search of new members. For additional information, contact Joanne Celaschi at (724) 483-8125 or jcelaschi@yahoo.com.

If you'd like to nominate a business, organization or individual for the "Charleroi Pride" award, please e-mail teamcharleroi@mvrchamber.org or call (724) 483-3070.

Save the date

Team Charleroi

■ Promotions Committee meeting – 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, in the Chamber Building. This committee is in the process of planning the Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk Oct. 10. Additionally, this group would like input from Greater Charleroi residents, community organizations and business owners who are interested in planning and/or participating in the Charleroi Christmas celebration.

■ Education/Safety Committee meeting 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8 in the superintendent's conference room at the Charleroi School District Administration building. This committee is working to improve the safety of Charleroi and promote the focus on business and education. All residents and business owners in the Greater Charleroi Area are welcome.

■ Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk — Plan to attend this one- or two-mile fun walk Saturday, Oct. 10. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. in the Charleroi Market House on McKean Avenue in Charleroi. Participate in the opening ceremony at 10 a.m., followed by the walk at 10:15 a.m. All proceeds help to provide quality care, comfort and hope to cancer patients using the Charles L. and Rose Sweeney-Melenyzer Pavilion and Regional Cancer Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital. For additional information or registration forms, contact TEAM Charleroi at (724) 483-3070 or teamcharleroi@mvrchamber.org or visit us on the web at www.teamcharleroi.org.

Charleroi Fire Department

The Charleroi Fire Department is hosting the following upcoming activities:

■ Gyro sale Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Charleroi Fire Hall.

■ "Gun Bash" on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Charleroi Fire Hall. Doors open at 3 p.m.

For additional details about any of these events, contact the Charleroi Fire Department at (724) 483-7311.

Charleroi Boy Scouts

■ Annual trip to the Renaissance Festival Sept. 12.

■ The Greater Pittsburgh Council popcorn sale will begin very shortly.

■ Fall camporee will be held in October at the Trolley Museum outside of Washington. Scouts will be camping at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

■ Spaghetti dinner fundraiser scheduled for Tuesday Nov. 10, sponsored by the Masonic Lodge. Details will be provided as they become available.

Charleroi Community Events

■ SPHS Connect Sporting Clay Shoot will be held Friday, Sept. 11, at the Nemacolin Woodlands Resort Shooting Academy in Farmington. Proceeds benefit homeless families in Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties. To register, call Dee Keffel at (724) 489-8095, ext. 4422.

■ 2009 Charleroi Little Great Race 5k (3.1 miles) Run/Walk – Saturday, Sept. 12. at 8:15 am. The entry fee is $20 and the registration deadline is Sept. 10. The first 700 applicants are guaranteed a shirt and race bag. Late registration is $20 with no guarantee of a race bag or shirt. Additional information can be found at www.littlegreatrace.com.

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Students from B.L.U.R. conducted their first community clean-up project last month.

B.L.U.R. cleaning up community

Youths from the Gatekeepers Community Church, B.L.U.R (Breathing Life for Ultimate Restoration) began first of many community clean-up projects on Aug. 1.

"We hope to bring life back to Charleroi and restore the hope and passion we once had for the city," said Pastor Gregg Anders. "The group feels that we do not have to accept the way things are now. They can make a difference and will continue to reach out and support the community in whatever ways it can."

"These teens are role models for all of us who live and work in Charleroî," said Daneen Troup, TEAM Charleroi Coordinator. "The fact that they are willing to get involved and make our community a better place should make all of us want to be a part of positive change."

In September, B.L.U.R. plans to assist the Charleroi Community Park Trustees with a bleacher painting project. Local teens in grades 6 to 12 interested in taking part in these and other youth activities should contact the Gatekeeper Community Church at (724) 483-4988.

Be creative at the library

The Tener Library just finished the last activity in its Be Creative summer reading schedule.

"We had an incredible time and we are planning for next year already (Make A Splash@ the Tener Library)," said Charleroi librarian Toni Gajan. "We had 932 kids and their parents participate and man — were we creative! We painted, sang, danced, and much more. We look forward to doing it again and hope to see many new faces there."

The children/young adults area of the Tener Library is planning a mother-daughter book club, preschool story time, Webkinz club, Wii tournaments, crafts and karaoke night. Check the Web site at www.charleroilibrary.org for a complete listing.

The library will host a Fall Festival in October in conjunction with the downtown trick or treat and Halloween parade. It will be 4 to 9 p.m. Oct. 28 with food booths, games, crafts and entertainment. For more information or to have your group participate, call (724) 483-8282.

Peacock Keller & Ecker, LLP is sponsoring Off the Shelf, an evening of entertainment that benefits libraries in Washington and Greene counties (including the Tener Library.) It will be 6 to 10:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at Bella Sera. For more information or tickets, call (724) 483-8282 or visit www.offtheshelf.info.

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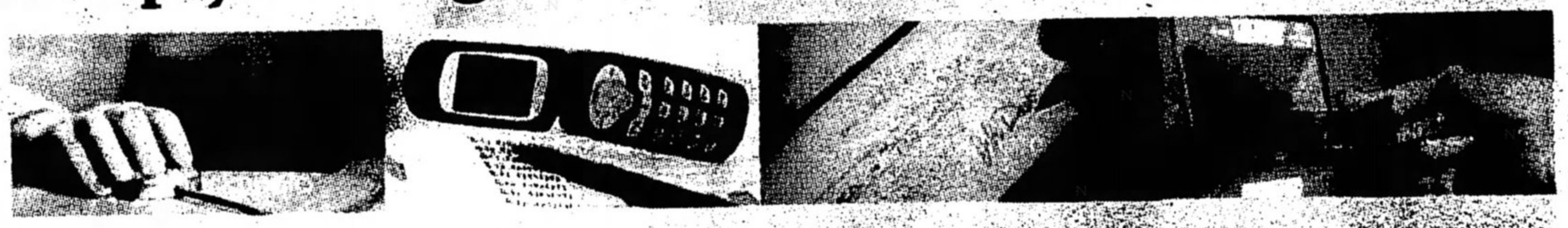

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